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FAIR TO GOOD-Conditions fair to good; better northwest-northeast, east, southeast. Rain has been spotted; southwest bad. Good calf crop, more rain needed. No contracts of fall calf delivery that I have heard of .- O. W. Stroup, Briscoe County, Tex.

VIRGINIA REPORT - We have an excess of rainfall this year after a severely dry summer last year. Our grass is looking good and lots of it. The cattle population in northern Virginia looks short for this year. People refused to stock their grass at what they thought high prices. Hope to send you more memberships shortly."-Frank G. Eppes, Loudoun County, Va.

(Mr. Eppes has previously sent in a number of memberships to the American National)

WELCOME RAINS - We are having wonderful rain, with three inches of moisture in the past 24 hours. We have lots of grass and water for the summer. -Jonce B. Eccles, Natrona County, Wyo.

WET-It is very wet here and grass is doing fine. Should be a good year for range cattle.—Wilbur L. Hohn, Larimer County, Colo.

GOOD LOGIC-I wish that we could get more people interested in joining the association, mostly to get the numbers and voice that any body needs to get, this day and age. All who raise cattle like to get the protection . . . I have talked to several people who raise cattle that don't belong to any cattle association, which surprised me because I thought that most cattle raisers belong to some locals. I wish we could get more of them in.

We have had two good snows in the last month which we needed badly; one was 18 inches, fell in the morning and went off mostly that day (which didn't get much below freezing); the other was around 8 inches, which went off the next day. — Walter E. Witcher, Teller County, Colo.

TEXAS MOISTURE MAP-The best information we are able to get shows that there are good spots in Texas as well as drouth in others. It has rained here (San Angelo) some during the past week; spotted of course but it is the general concensus that the drouth is still not broken in west Texas. Central Texas, around Austin, Georgetown, San Antonio, etc., is in excellent shape. It seems that San Angelo is now just about on the edge; east of here and southeast to San Antonio they have received good rains the past 30 days but south to Del Rio, north and west it is still very, very dry. Spotted rains this week (late May) as far as 200 miles west of here will help, but this country in general is still dry and most of the ranchers are still feeding just as though it were in the dead of winter.

The Water Resources Development Corp. of Denver has had its instruments in operation in central Texas for some three or four months. The people of Bell County, after receiving several excessive downpours, asked the corporation to call off its dogs, as they were getting too much rain. The rainmakers have been active in this part of the state the past 30 days and some think that it was through their efforts that we received the moisture this week. Anyway, it was welcome.-J. R. Hewitt, Tom Green County, Tex.

F & M CHECK SUGGESTED-I enjoy each copy (of the PRODUCER). Since the outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease in Canada, the cattlemen in states bordering Canada have to be on the watch here now more than ever. It seems to me that a check on all herds in states bordering Canada should be made if possible . . . Posting guards at the borders, of course, is O. K., but will this be enough? Since the government spends money on T.B. and Bang's tests, a check on hoofand-mouth now might save future expense and save valuable cattle later. Best wishes to all cattlemen and to a good magazine.-Walter A. Fjeldahl, Ward County, N. D.

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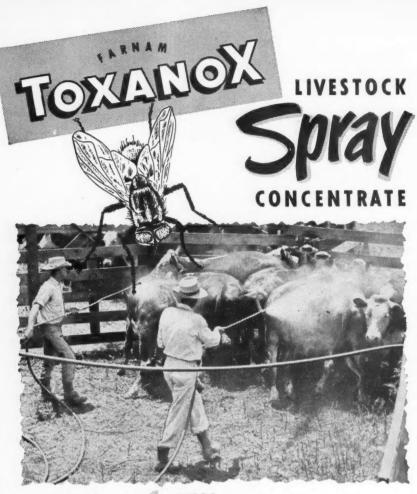
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RANGE SALES

SOME STRENGTH was noted in current delivery prices for light yearling steers and heifers for grazing purposes in the Denver territory. A considerable volume of stock cattle moved through the Denver terminal from Texas and New Mexico into summer pasture areas of Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Bulk of current sales were from Texas, with a moderate number from Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming. Loadlots of good and choice 450- to 650-pound yearling and short yearling steers sold from \$33 to \$35.50, a few loads 500- to 550-pound short yearlings in Texas and eastern Colorado \$36 to \$37. Choice 430- to 550-pound short yearling heifers in Texas and Colorado brought \$31.75 to \$32.75, latter price for 500-pound weights in eastern Colorado. No sales reported on weighty feeder

Very little activity was noted from Spokane in future contracting. Feed on the higher ranges of Idaho, Montana and adjacent states was good and growers showed little inclination to sell at current bids. One lot of mixed yearlings was reported to have been contracted at \$170 straight across.

Contracting continued very slow in Texas. Good rains received in most sections of the state, but the southwestern portion still needs a lot of moisture. The Panhandle area reported a few contracts on steer calves at \$33 to \$35 and yearling steers at \$30 to \$31 for October delivery. In west Texas, current delivery included a few strings of steer yearlings at \$33 to \$35, heifers at \$33 down, heavy steer calves at \$35 to \$38.

Moderate expansion in trading on grass cattle for immediate and near term delivery was noted in California, although no extensive activity developed. A moderate number of grass steers throughout the San Joaquin Valley sold for immediate and near term delivery at \$29, mainly to go to feedlots for short finishing periods, and were generally steers averaging around 800 to 1,050 pounds. A couple strings outstanding steers scaling 1,200 pounds sold as high as \$29.50 in Oakdale area. Around 200 head choice 650-pound heifers in the Visalia area sold on a stocker account at \$30. A 275-head string of choice 1,060-pound fed steers in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley sold for delivery in next week or so at \$32.10; also around three loads commercial Brahman steers at \$29.50.

Contracting for future delivery again reported very slow in the Montana area with high asking prices a retarding factor in the trade. In the Billings area a load of choice 502-pound yearling stock heifers sold for immediate delivery at \$32. A hundred mixed Hereford calves were contracted in the Bynum area at 29 cents for the heifers and 31 cents for the steers, fall delivery.

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The Lookout

- GROSS INCOME in agriculture may be leveling off this year as lower average prices tend to offset increased output, says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. But production costs have continued to rise, though at a slower rate than last year. Decline in net income from the \$14.9 billion realized last year is not likely to exceed a half billion dollars.
- RISING EXPENDITURES for defense and a continued high level of business spending for investment indicate record economic activity. Employment, wage rates and incomes probably will continue to rise gradually and domestic demand for farm products in general will be maintained at a high level. Exports of farm products will be smaller this year than in 1951.
- BEEF PRODUCTION in the remaining months of 1952 will exceed a year earlier, lamb and mutton will show a small gain, and pork output is expected to drop below a year earlier. Meat production as a whole should remain above last year.
- A FAIRLY TIGHT FEED SUPPLY is indicated for the coming 1952-53 feeding season. Prospective supply per animal unit is about the same as in 1951-52 but moderately smaller than during 1948-50. Feed grain production (as of March) is estimated at 121 million tons, 6 per cent more than last year, but an expected smaller carry-over would more than offset this.
- STOCKS OF CORN, oats and barley on April 1 totaled about 55 million tons, 16 per cent smaller than on that date last year. Disappearance of corn during January, February and March was the heaviest in recent years, reflecting heavy feeding of high moisture corn. Stocks of corn in all positions April 1 were 17 per cent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest since 1948. April 1 stocks of oats and barley also were smaller than a year earlier.
- THE WHEAT CROP in prospect this year will be third largest in the U. S. history if growing conditions until harvest are about average. Total crop may be about 1,254 million bushels. With the carryover on July 1, 1952, expected to total 270 million bushels, and imports of feeding quality wheat from Canada, possibly 40 million bushels, the total supply for 1952-53 would be about 1,564 million bushels. This would be the largest supply in our history except for the 1,600 million bushels in 1942 and 1943.
- FATS AND OILS continued to decline in April when they averaged about 50 per cent of the 1947-49 level. Large supplies are expected in 1952-53. Stocks of edible fats and oils on Oct. 1, 1952, may be 50 per cent above a year eariler.
- FARM WORKERS will be fewer than in 1951 and shortages are probable in local areas. But in general there will be an adequate supply. Farm wage rates will average 5 to 10 per cent higher.
- FARM MACHINERY outlook is fairly hopeful, with production running at 80 to 85 per cent of estimated requirements.
- PORTABLE IRRIGATION SUPPLIES should be more favorable. Pesticides production is expanding but delay in buying or serious infestation could bring trouble. Fertilizer production is increased from last year but not quite enough to meet estimated demands. Delay may mean difficulty in getting supplies.
- TRUCKS, TIRES, FUELS and other supplies situation is seen as very good.

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Range Work Fund

THERE has been during the past several months a lot of confusion as to why funds were not available for forest range improvement work. Most of our readers interested in the national forests are familiar with the fact that for many years the Forest Service by regulation set aside 20 per cent of the forest grazing receipts to spend for range improvement work. When it finally became known that this procedure was illegal, that the Forest Service had no authority to make such diversion from funds that should go directly into the U.S. Treasury, the industry sought other means to keep the range work going.

Finally, two years ago, an amendment was secured to the omnibus forest bill (H.R. 5839 by Congressman Granger of Utah) which provided that of the grazing fees collected, 10 cents per head per month on cattle and 2 cents per head per month on sheep when appropriated by Congress should be available each year for range improvement work. This bill became law in April, 1950. In fiscal 1951 ending June 30, 1951, \$700,-000 was appropriated under this provision, although the amount actually available under the law would have been some 5 per cent or more above that amount. The following year when the fiscal 1952 appropriation bill was under consideration, the House subcommittee on agricultural appropriations attached a matching provision specifying that for every dollar used of this fund, one-third of that amount should be available from some non-federal source to match the federal contribution. In other words, with the \$700,000 appropriation it would require a matching fund of \$233,000 plus.

Many rumors have been circulated about the country, some by the Forest Service itself, claiming that the American National was responsible for the fact that during fiscal year 1952, up to almost the present time, there was practically no money available for range improvement work. It was even suggested that we were responsible for this matching provision. There is not a word of truth to any of these rumors. We believe in sound fiscal policy, and the Granger Act requiring that the

amount provided for range improvement work shall be available when appropriated by Congress is sound government. The matching provision is the brain child of the House subcommittee. There are some stockmen who think it is O.K. and would be glad to have the increased amounts available for range improvement work that would thus be provided. But there are many stockmen who do not want any such requirement to every one who does. The very fact that of the money appropriated for fiscal 1952 with the matching provision included practically nothing has been spent in the months since the money was available is proof that the matching provision is unworkable.

Unfortunately, in the process of getting rid of the matching provision, it now appears that we may stand to lose an appropriation for fiscal 1953. The House subcommittee on agricultural appropriations has taken advantage of the fact that most of the current year's appropriation is still on hand to make a hard bargain that the matching provision would be removed from the current appropriation at the expense of no new appropriation for next year. The writer ventures to suggest that even costly as is this deal (to which we certainly were not a party) it is worth getting rid of the matching provision which otherwise would have been saddled upon us forever.

JUST WAITING



There is still some slight hope that the Senate may restore part or all of the appropriation for 1953.

As we see it, those stockmen who favor the matching provision are not now, in the event of the final striking out of that provision as seems likely, prevented from spending such additional amounts for range improvement work on their own allotments as they may agree upon with the Forest Service. Many stockmen, however, feel that any requirement as to a matching provision would, in effect, require them to match their own money and they rebel against the principle of the thing. If our national forests were only located in some foreign country, there probably would be no difficulty at all in getting Congress to appropriate millions of dollars to be spent on them, but unfortunately they belong to the United States of America. When we come to appropriating for our own purposes, that seems to be something else under the present rule of thumb.

Sheer Meddling

THE OPS is seeking to compel the North Dakota Stockmen's Association to roll back its brand inspection fees from 15 to 12 cents a head—and to collect damages of \$17,604.

The association and the state's livestock sanitary board have answered in U. S. district court that inspection is a police function of the state and the OPS has no right to interfere; that the inspection is a non-competitive operation planned solely for the purpose of performing a state governmental function.

The 3-cent hike in fees is paid by the shipper. It cannot be passed on to the consumer. But even if it could, its effect on the meat bill of the consumer would be only a trifling 5 or 10 cents a year.

If it were not for the consideraable amount involved in the damages, which in event of an adverse decision would be a severe blow to the association's assets, this action would be but a farce and a nuisance.

We commend the North Dakota cattlemen for their stand against this OPS action.

New Information Director



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In mid-May American National President Sam C. Hyatt and O. W. Lynam, chairman of the association's public relations committee, announced the appointment of Lyle Liggett as director of information. He assumed his new duties on June 1 in the Denver office to help with the organization's many activities, particularly in expansion of its information program to its membership, the press, radio and general public.

Mr. Liggett is a well known Colorado newspaper and radio man; he is a native of Fort Collins, Colo., studied agricultural economics there at Colorado A&M College and is a graduate of Denver University. He has been associated with the Record Stockman and Westerner Magazine in Denver as photographer and feature writer, and is a World War II veteran. For the past four years he has served as public relations specialist with the University of Denver.

Shipping Purebreds

Purebred cattlemen will be interested in the following letter from Traffic Manager Chas. E. Blaine about shipping a single bull or two:

C23769—LESS CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF REGISTERED LIVESTOCK CHIEFLY VALUABLE FOR BREED-ING PURPOSES

It is our belief that the membership at large of the various livestock organizations should be advised of a situation which we believe is of the utmost importance. In auditing freight bills for the various livestock shippers we are frequently called upon to check charges on less-carload shipments of registered livestock chiefly valuable for breeding purposes. To illustrate the situation, we will direct attention to a practical case which we have recently handled.

The Milky Way Hereford Ranch of

The Milky Way Hereford Ranch of Phoenix shipped one Hereford bull from Phoenix to Galax, Va., on Aug. 28, 1950. In making the shipment the shipper ordered a car in which to load the one animal. However, the shipper did not indicate to the carrier that he desired that the animal move under less-carload rates. As a result the carrier applied carload freight rates for the move-

ment of the one animal and such charges exceeded the less-carload charges by approximately \$250. Overcharge claim was presented to the carriers, but it has been repeatedly declined on the grounds that the shipper failed to indicate that he did not desire carload service for the one animal.

We have repeatedly directed the attention of the traffic officials of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific to the fact that less-carload shipments of livestock are not handled in the same manner as ordinary dead freight, as it is impossible for a shipper of high-valued registered breeding livestock to tender the animals to the carrier for transportation at the freight depot in the same manner that a shipper would tender ordinary dead freight for transportation.

We observe numerous cases where shippers have ordered a car for transportation of one or two head of registered livestock on which the carriers have applied less-carload charges and on which the shipper did not indicate on the livestock contract that the ex-

clusive use of the car was not requested. In view of the recent ruling of the traffic officials of the Santa Fe, S. P. and U. P., it is our belief that numerous less-carload shippers of registered livestock are being placed in jeopardy as they will be called upon at some later date to pay substantially higher carload charges for the movement of a less-carload shipment due to the fact that they failed to indicate that they desired less-carload rates applied on the shipment.

Therefore, we believe that all shippers of registered livestock in less-carload lots should be cautioned to observe the following procedure in making such shipments in order to assure assessment of proper rates:

 Order car in writing and specify on car order that less-carload shipment is involved.

2. Place notation on livestock contract that "exclusive use of the car is not requested" and that shipment is "less-carload shipment."

While we do not agree with the ruling of the carriers, we have exhausted all informal avenues for collection of the overcharge claim which we filed for the Milky Way Haysford Panel

Milky Way Hereford Ranch.

We know of numerous cases where shippers have ordered cars for a less-carload movement of registered livestock and have not indicated on the livestock contract or car order that the exclusive use of the car is not requested. In such cases, based upon the ruling of the Santa Fe, S.P., and U.P., such shipments are undercharged and the substantially higher carload charges should have been applied thereon in lieu of the less-carload charges, which were applied.

BUSHEL MAY BE BANISHED

If the National Conference on Weights and Measures, which met at Washington for the 37th time last month, has its way—you won't be able to hide your light under a bushel any more (if so inclined). The group has recommended that each state adopt legislation making the pound or hundredweight a legal substitute for the bushel in all commodity trading. The bushel, it is claimed, is of no value except as a measure of volume.

Action on Anthrax

Two states—Kansas and Florida—have taken steps to combat anthrax outbreaks.

In Kansas, a state-wide quarantine has gone on all cattle that have been vaccinated for the ailment, whether the sickness has occurred or not, and to herds where anthrax has broken out but no vaccination applied; counties involved are Franklin, Miami, John and Douglas. The quarantine ruling does not apply to cattle treated with anti-anthrax serum. A. G. Pickett, secretary of the Kansas Stockmen's Association and state livestock sanitation commissioner, has cautioned: "In no case should animals be vaccinated at this time unless a laboratory diagnosis confirms the disease is in the herd."

Florida Requires Sterilization

In Florida, the state agriculture department has put into effect (May 22) a new regulation requiring sterilization of bonemeal used in animal feeds. This regulation, designed to curb anthrax, has the full force of state law, and is the outcome of several weeks of study by a committee of technicians familiar with the disease and with the cooperation of representatives of the feed industry.

Canada has banned the import of fertilizers, bonemeal and feedstuffs as a result of discovery of anthrax in the United States.

Contemplated Action

A statement from the Bureau of Animal Industry only indicates a forthcoming prohibition against the importation of raw bonemeal, green bonemeal and bones for use in animal feeds, except if such products are going to an establishment equipped further to process the materials under the bureau's supervision. The regulation as presently contemplated would not cover steamed bonemeal, special steamed bonemeal or dicalcium phosphate, which the bureau believes to be free from contamination.

Effective Restrictions Needed

The Bureau of Animal Industry said in its announcement that it was "contemplating issuance of regulations which would restrict the importation."

This is certainly far from the positive action that the severity of the anthrax outbreak would seem to call for. There is no question that raw bonemeal from abroad is responsible for some of the outbreaks. The bureau itself has been able to confirm this finding, it says, in one instance.

And even though, as the bureau points out, anthrax cannot be entirely controlled by giving attention only to one segment of the problem, that of restricting imported bonemeal, at least such a restriction, if quickly and positively thrown up, would stop the foreign sources from creating new infections.

We are glad to learn as we go to press that the contemplated restriction against bonemeal and bones has been approved and will be effective about July 10

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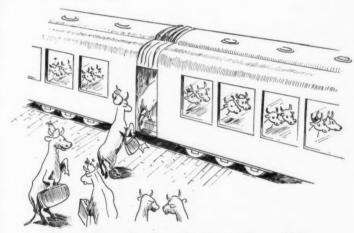
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Sixth Chat—Plants Are Factories and Warehouses

HAVE you ever heard of "the most important formula in the world"? That is what scientists call the formula explaining the way a plant takes water, carbon dioxide and sunlight and converts these into food. For the energy in this trapped sunlight is the original source of most of the energy at work in the world today—even that in coal and oil which comes from far below the earth's present surface. This is also the formula which produced the meat or wool that goes crowding into the railroad cars when your buyer hands you a check on sales day.



Do you know the formula that produces this?

Plants not only produce food—they store it as well. So they are both factories and warehouses. It is good to learn a few simple things about the factory, the warehouse and the product manufactured.

The plant factory is entirely above ground. It is the green coloring matter in the plants which does the manufacturing, so only the green parts can be considered the factory. This means that the factory is located in the leaves and the green parts of the stems. The warehouse where food storage occurs may be in any part of the plant either above or below ground. The warehouse then has both upper stories and basement and has elevators which move the stored food sometimes upstairs and sometimes down. Of course, annual plants have no basement warehouse because they have only a very small root system. Each kind of plant has its own schedule as to when it moves plant food from upstairs to the basement and back up again. This schedule serves the needs of the plant very well, but unfortunately it does not always fit in with our grazing plans so well. Since we can't change the schedule, we have to learn to fit in with it as best we can.

You can't tell by looking at the outside of a man-made warehouse whether it is full or empty, and a plant warehouse isn't different. A plant has a deceptive way of often moving large amounts of stored food from the above-ground parts to the roots in a very short time. When this happens, the forage qualities of that particular plant are greatly diminished because grazing animals can harvest only the

parts above ground. It is deceptive to the eye, however, because the crop itself may look even bigger and better than it did before the transfer of food was made.

Of course food stored in the plant roots isn't lost to us because it is used by the plant at the beginning of the next growing season to build quickly a new factory above ground so more food can be manufactured.

It is worth our while to follow through this schedule of food production and storage in the plant and then we'll see how best to apply the information to our own interests. At the beginning of the growing season a long-lived plant with an established root system draws heavily from food reserves stored in the roots. This food is used to form new leaves and stems above ground and thus enlarge the factory space for production of more food. This production begins as soon as the plant gets green. The newly produced food is temporarly stored in the leaves and stems for supplying the heavy demand of growing parts. This drawing of food from the roots plus creation of new food above ground makes young forage a highly concentrated feed. In fact, young grass just past the "washy" stage is almost equal to grain in fattening qualities.

The great aim of every living thing is to produce more of its own kind. Every plant strives to produce seed. Almost all of the reserve of food supply in the roots is thrown into this effort. Consequently just at the blooming stage or the "dough" stage there is a greater concentration of food reserves in the above-ground parts than at any other time. That is why this stage is the ideal time to cut a hay crop. Immediately after the seed has been produced the plant begins to wind up activities for the year. The reserves of food previously stored in the leaves and stems are now quickly moved to the roots for over-winter storage. That's why a delay of two weeks in time of cutting hay may mean the difference between good hay and just straw.

If there is some moisture, the plants green up again in the fall. The purpose of this is to manufacture a little more food for storage over winter so that a good reserve will be available for the growing season next year.

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While almost all plants follow the general plan of quick growth in the spring and production of seed during middle or late summer, there is a considerable spread among the



Animals like variety in their diet

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various kinds of forage as to when they begin and end growth. Thus some of the earliest growing kinds green up and produce seed before late-growing kinds even get started. To have a variety of early and late growing kinds of forage in your pasture is an advantage. Your livestock will then keep shifting from the older kinds to the younger and greener kinds having a gerater concentration of food in them. This means greater gains for the livestock. Therefore a variety of good forage plants (and even a few weeds) in your pasture is much to be preferred over a pasture made up chiefly of just one or two kinds of plants. On the other hand, one single kind of grass makes a very good hay crop because all the plants will reach the bloom or dough stage at just about the same time. That means you can cut and reap the crop at the time when greatest food content is in the above-ground parts.

After seed has been produced the plant moves food reserves from above-ground parts into the roots. In addition to this decrease in forage value during the latter part of the growing season, there is additional loss from weathering. Storms in particular soak out nutrients from the leaves and stems. This means that your winter forage has more feed value if the fall and winter season is dry than if it is wet.

Winter forage in general loses about 50 per cent of its feed value. Some kinds of forage seem to lose more feed value than others due to weathering. Thus, some kinds of plants which are grazed lightly in the summer season may be mainstays for winter use due to the fact that they suffer less loss of nutrients due to weathering . . . storage of "fat" in stem tips in browse and root crown grasses. As a general class, browse forages seem to retain their feed value best, and weeds as a class are poor-



Seventh Chat—The Pasture Menu

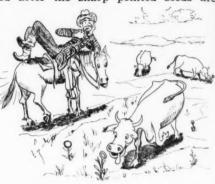
TENDERNESS, juiciness and sweetness are the three things that most determine whether a forage is preferred by livestock. Animals are not much different from humans in this respect. In fact, an experienced stockman can chew a plant and just about determine its palatability to livestock. Often when we think we see an animal eating older forage, it actually is pushing the older stems and leaves out of the way so it can get at the younger and fresh growth beneath.

est, with grasses in between.

A number of other things influence the choice of forage eaten by livestock. In the case of a number of plants, they actually are distasteful no matter how tender and juicy they are. Fortunately many of the poisonous kinds are very distasteful and are eaten only if other forage is unobtainable and the animals are hungry.

It is a common experience that on closely used ranges and in dry years, when forage supplies run low, stock losses from poisonous plants run highest. Many plants are rejected because it hurts to chew them. Thus some of the needle grasses are much grazed in the early part of the growing season but are avoided after the sharp pointed seeds are

sticky and beards are developed. Livestock again graze this grass after the seeds and beards have fallen to the ground. Tumbleweeds are eaten when young and green but not when the stickers get hard and sharp. When winter storms soften the stickers livestock, if hungry, will again eat the tumbleweeds. Some



Watch the grazing of key plants

plants are rejected because they are protected by thorns. Desert cacti are avoided by livestock, but are relished if the thorns are burned off with a torch. Stiff, scratchy twigs and stubble are avoided where possible.

Certain plants contain ingredients which often make them especially sought after. For instance, animals not provided with salt will eagerly search for and eat salt-sage and other

Animals like a variety in their diet the same as we do.

Eighth Chat—Key Plants

PROBABLY you like to eat lots of things, but when it comes to stacking the pantry and cellar with winter provisions, it's bacon, flour, potatoes and a side of beef or mutton that you think most about. With cattle or sheep it's the same way. In any grazing area there are certain kinds of plants which will be the old stand-bys for furnishing most of the feed. Just which kinds will be grazed most depend upon a number of things—such as the kind of livestock doing the grazing, the season of grazing and the kinds of plants and amounts of each present.

Almost every pasture or range has from one to four key plants which are the important ones to watch. Livestock may graze each of these at a different time, and it is only at the end of the grazing season-or at the end of winter on year-long ranges-that the final check-up of key plants can

Always remember that livestock are not mowing machines, harvesting all the forage in the pasture to a uniform stubble height. They are plain lazy critters getting their bellies full the easiest way. And even though plenty of forage is available, they may overuse portions of your range unless you work out a system of watering, salting, riding, herding and fencing which will keep the stock well distributed over the

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY DICK VISITS HAWAII

The California Cattlemen's Association mimeo-publication "Hot Irons" reports that CCA Secretary J. Edgar Dick and Mrs. Dick were recent visitors in Hawaii, and took the occasion to make a tour among cattle ranches there. There is a Hawaiia Cattlemen's Association, organized in 1946 and now showing a membership of some 70 cattlemen, all of whom are much interested in association activities and in range and herd improvement practices. Practically all of the cattlemen have cow-and-calf outfits, says the item, and there is no drylot feeding of any kind on the Islands. Many of the cattlemen have in past years fed molasses, but this product

has become too expensive and is now used only during periods of short feed. Cattle go direct to market off grass and are sold on the basis of dressed

The Dicks spent some time at the famous Parker Ranch, whose manager, A. Hartwell Carter, followed his father, the late Alfred Carter, in long-time membership in the American National Cattlemen's Association. Mr. Dick mentions the climatic differences existing on this large ranch; it is at sea level but runs to an elevation of 9,000 feet. Weed control is a featured phase of the ranch improvement program, and most ranchers have long followed a soil conservation program. In general, says the California secretary, cattlemen on the Islands have many problems similar to those of cattlemen on the Mainland. They follow a rigid cattle health plan, but cattle rustling has now started to rear its bothersome head among them. Brands are registered but there is not at present an inspection system. Rainmaking is beginning to attract attention, and a cooperative research program is being set up. The cattlemen are giving more thought to animals with the ability to put on flesh at a faster rate, and experiments are planned with a view to finding which animals have this ability.

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The attractive stone home of the Jesse Harpers

near Sitka, Kans.



Kansas Ranch Visit

MY THREE YOUNG BOYS would have liked to be along on my visit to the ranch of Jesse Harper in southwestern Kansas—not in this case because it is a nice place in good cattle country, but because the three admiring kids would have had a chance to shake hands with former Notre Dame Coach Jesse C. Harper. (I really believe that at least one of them would already have known that Coach Harper's team lost only five games in five years and was undefeated in 1913; that the great Rockne was his assistant for four years.)

Jesse Harper and Mell, his son, jointly own the 1,250 cows that make things go on this 20,400-acre spread. Mell, who is the manager, and two men run the outfit with the advantage of a number of labor-saving practices which in this day of hard-to-get help becomes mighty im-

First comes feeding. On the mountain and northern plains ranches winter feeding means hard work. This essential job entails putting up hay to go through the severest of winters—maybe even for two of them—a perennial job you dare not shirk.

But the Harpers don't put up feed. They used to, and it took maybe a dozen men to handle the outfit in the days when they raised 1,500 acres of cane for winter feeding. The acres formerly used for feed have been seeded back to grass. There's snow in these parts, of course, but usually it doesn't last and grass grows tall. Now they feed cake, dropped off an automatic cake feeder mounted on a truck, handled entirely by one man, to serve the 2 to 3 pounds a day to an animal, to the cows where they are. This feeding goes on from late November to early April. The aim is to keep the animals from shrinking. There's a saying, the senior Harper pointed out, that "It's hard to starve a profit into cattle."

Calves start coming in October. The mother cows get up to 4½ pounds of cake a day. The Harpers don't like summer calves; they don't stand the heat too well, and it's plenty hot at times . . . sometimes it hits 105. They breed their heifers as yearlings, selling off the first calves.

A two-passenger cow-horse trailer speeds up and simplifies the working of cattle; a Dodge power wagon is thrown into gear when mud makes going tough, and a Fordson equipped with a bull-dozer does a remarkable variety of jobs. With all this, the Quarter Horse maintains its rightful place on the layout and about 20 of them are maintained there.

The Cimarron River in the month of May trickles its way for 10 miles through the place. But rivers rise up, as everybody knows. And the problem of working cattle at high-water time, of finding a way out of moving cattle to headquarters corral when shipping, was solved by building two sets of corrals, one on either side of the river. The ranch is fenced off into 14 pastures, in sizes from 350 acres up. The cows go less than a half-mile to water. There are 19 windmills on the place, four creeks, a river and two dams.

Another feature on the place which the Harpers are convinced means more efficiency stands out in the form of two strictly modern houses for the two cowhands that work on the ranch. These neat new cottages are up-to-the-moment in every way, inside and out. Along with them go good wages to the men and satisfaction and pride on their part and the part of their wives. It is a sort of innovation in Clark County and neighbors are watching it with interest. It's a credit to management in a free country that labor shares in management's progress.

Jesse Harper was president of the Kansas Livestock Association in 1930-31. He is a member of the executive committee of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and has been a loyal supporter of both organizations for many years.

The 76 Ranch home is an attractive stone structure, now housing Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harper and Mrs. M. C. Campbell, mother of Mrs. Harper. The Harpers have three children, grown-ups: Jim, married and living in California; Katherine, who is working in Washington, D. C., and Mell. Mell's house is close by his parents. Mrs. Mell Harper is the secretary of the American National CowBelles, formed in January at Fort



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Harper



Mell Harper, Mrs. Harper and Sandy. Jim, who is seven, was off to school when the photographer was there.



The Harpers maintain strictly modern houses like this for their two cowhands and their families. Good housing means happier, more efficient help, says Jesse Harper.

Worth. There are two youngsters in this family—Sandy, a girl of four, and Jim, seven. (Jim, my three youngsters would like to have you give your grand-dad an extra handshake for them!—D.O.A.)

Our Territorial Lands

Outlying Areas Total Fifth as Much Land as Continental U. S.

IN ADDITION to the agricultural land in the 48 states comprising the continental United States, there is the land in the four outlying territories and nine small islands, or groups of islands, forming the remainder of the nation's land area.

These territories and islands consist of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Panama Canal Zone, Guam, Midway, American Samoa, Wake, and six other smaller inhabited islands. Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico have territorial governments somewhat similar to states. While there is some variation in the territorial status of the other areas, they are classed as territories for the purpose of this article.

Large Portion in Alaska

The territories contain about one-fifth as much land as continental United States. Some 365 million of the 372 million acres of our territorial land is in Alaska - the largest but least populous of our territories, more than twice as large as Texas.

Hawaii is the second largest of the territories. The six principal islands and a number of smaller islands composing Hawaii embrace about 4,100,000 acres, being slightly less than New Jersey in size. Puerto Rico, the third territory in point of area, contains 2,191,000 acres, about two-thirds the size of Connecticut.

Other smaller areas include the Panama Canal Zone on the Isthmus of Panama; the Virgin Island, in the Caribbean Sea; and American Samoa, Guam, Midway, Wake, and six other small islands in the Pacific Ocean. All these additional areas combined contain only about 600,000 acres of land, being smaller than Rhode Isand in area. Midway Island is usually considered a part of Hawaii. These territories which are a part of the United States are exclusive of the groups of islands embraced in the Trust Territory of the Pacific administered as a trustee of the United Nations. These trust territories include the Caroline Islands, the Marshall Islands, and Palau Island, a total land area of about half a million acres. Of the trust territory about 30,000 acres are devoted mainly to cocoanuts (copra) and subsistence crops.

Small Acreage for Farming

About half of the land of Alaska is forest and wild grassland. Much of the remaining half is treeless tundra. North of the rugged coastal ranges, high plateaus and still higher mountains are interspersed with tundra plains and marshy stream valleys.

About one million acres in Alaska are believed suitable for crop production under present economic conditions. Another four million acres might support fair to good summer pastures. Land used for agriculture in Alaska at present is limited largely to small areas around some of the chief towns such as Fairbanks and Anchorage, and in the Matanuska Valley.

Farm management studies show that a major obstacle for farmers in Alaska is the high cost of land development. Very little financial help can be obtained for clearing land, an operation which costs from \$100 to \$200 per acre before a field can be planted. Land is being cleared, however, over 1,000 acres being cleared per year for the last three years. Crop production in Alaska is largely limited to cool-season species. Forage crops, hay, oats, potatoes, cabbage, and certain small fruits and vegetables thrive in the short summer season. Dairying to supply whole milk to local towns is becoming a primary agricultural enterprise.

Parts of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are farmed intensively, and have a great deal of their land in cultivation and pasture.

In Hawaii there are nearly 500,000 acres in cropland. Of this acreage about one-third is cropland harvested annually; one-third is cropland pasture; and one-third is fallow land and land growing crops not harvested or pastured. Sugarcane and pineapples are among the important commercial crops in terms of market value. Sugarcane occupies nearly one-half the cropland. Other chief crops include vegetables, fruits, and feed crops. Livestock is found in certain areas naturally adapted to grass and other forage. There are 5,748 farms in Hawaii. Farms average about 423 acres in size. The range in acreage, however, is quite large - from small part-time farms to large sugar plantations.

Puerto Rico, with over 1 million acres of cropland, like Hawaii, reaps a considerable part of its cash farm income from sugarcane. About one-third of the cropland is in sugarcane. Many other crops are produced. Vegetables and fruits are important for home use, Farms on the whole average only about 35 acres in size, although some of the sugar plantations are quite large. There are 55,519 farms in Puerto Rico, more than in any other territory. In addition to farms there are 51,157 small agricultural parcels that produced some agricultural products in 1949. Largely because of the small acreage per farm the number of livestock is low per farm,

The agriculture of the Pacific Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and others consists largely of tropical fruits, vegetables, and other subsistence products. Copra is an important product produced

for outside markets.

In all, available estimates indicate that the territories have over 1.5 million acres of cropland, 1.4 million acres of farm pasture, and 2 million acres of woodland and other land in farms, or a total of about 5 million acres of land in farms. About three-fourths of the land used for agriculture is in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The territories have over 66,000 farms, a number comparable roughly to one of our states, such as Florida or South Dakota. - H. H. Wooten, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

IDAHO RECLASSIFIES LAND

Idaho's department of public lands has just started a reclassification program to determine the grazing capacity of its public lands. Idaho has 2,230,000 acres of state land under grazing lease.

The program will determine carrying capacity so that rentals may be properly adjusted and will also inventory needs such as drift fences, water holes, reseeding, brush removal and control of poisonous weeds. The state gives no priority for renewal of leases but the department believes that if lessees will perform range building practices the department will be able to give them improvement credit at expiration of their leases so they will have more security of tenure.

SCS COVERAGE WIDE

National acreage in soil conservation districts as of Jan. 1, 1952, was 883,300,-000, or 77.4 per cent of all farm land acreage; total individual farms in districts, 4,800,000 million, or 83.2 per cent of all farms. States which have 100 per cent of their farm land in districts are Delaware, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Vermont.

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Guam 2,262	2	******		23	25	105	130
Hawaii 5.748	465	796	703	468	2,432	1,668	4,100
Panama Canal Zone ³ 150	2	27	16	1	46	307	353
Puerto Rico ⁴ 55,519	1.023	161	277	371	1.832	359	2,191
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Oregon Re-Elects, **Notes Member Gain**

THE membership of the Oregon Cattle-men's Association, which met May 12-14 at Prineville, has re-elected its current officers-Harry Stearns, Prineville, president; Pat Cecil, Burns, first vicepresident; Garland Meador, Prairie City, second vice-president, and J. B. Appling, Burns, treasurer.

The cattlemen also marked for special honors at the convention ten former presidents to whom were presented silver belt buckle gifts, the men so honored being Fred Phillips of Baker; Herman Oliver of John Day; W. B. Snider of Paisley; Robert Lister of Paulina; Herbert Chandler of Baker: Sherman Guttridge of Baker; O. D. Hotchkiss of Baker; William Stewart of Baker; W. S. Stewart of Dayville, and William Kittredge of Klamath Falls. Recognition was also given to Fred Lemcke of Seneca, who was awarded the Herman Oliver

For this 39th annual meeting, the housing facilities not only of Prineville, but of Redmond and Bend as well, were called into use to accommodate the hundreds of delegates and guests on hand to take a united look at such matters as public lands, freight rates, the Canadian foot-and-mouth disease situation and others. . . . In the course of the sessions Association Secretary Ed Fallan was able to report to them that membership in the state organization now stands at an all-time high of 1,691.

trophy as "Cattleman of 1951."

Speakers included the following: Marshall Dana, assistant to the president of the U.S. National Bank at Portland, who stressed the need for the livestock men of the country to see the public is kept well informed about cattle affairs so there may be a more sympathetic understanding of the cattleman's many problems. Nelson R. Crow, publisher of Western Livestock Journal at Los Angeles, pointed out that meat is, as related to present earning power, cheaper today than at any time in the past 50 years. He told his listeners, also, that he believes the future for the industry to be a good one. This same cheerful note was maintained in a speech by



These past presidents were lined up for recognition by delegates to the Oregon Cattlemen's convention at Prineville last month. (L. to r.) Fred Phillips, Baker: Herman Oliver, Baker; W. B. Snider, Paisley; Robert Lister, Paulina; Herbert Chandler, Baker; Sherman Guttridge, Prairie City; O. D. Hotchkiss, Burns.

Justinian Caire, agricultural economist for the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco; he, however, foresees higher production costs in relation to the prices received for cattle.

A warning that sabotage through introduction of germ warfare against livestock is a grave possibility came from Dr. A. W. Beagle of Portland, district



Comparing program notes at the Oregon meeting were these officers: (l. to r.) Garland Meador, vice-president, Prairie City; Harry Stearns, president, Priville; J. C. Cecil, vice-president, Burns.

chief of the BAI, who added that precautionary measures are being employed. Assistant Secretary Rad Hall of the American National told the cattlemen that the blame for loss to American consumers of 10 pounds of meat per person in 1951 could be laid at the door of OPS for its control activities. California's

Governor Earl Warren was a special guest of the convention; 800-odd cattle men heard him make the statement that the presidential claim to "inherent powers" was a dangerous one.

The Oregon resolutions approved the principles outlined in the proposed "Uniform Grazing Land Tenancy Act" as drafted by the Stockmen's Grazing Committee and called for an appropriation of funds annually for reseeding the public lands and for an increase in funds to be used for the control of noxious and poisonous weeds on federally controlled lands. They urged use only by veterinarians under proper conditions of anthrax spore vaccine; recommended production of a five-dose package of desiccated Brucella abortus vaccine: asked that no cattle officially vaccinated against calfhood Bang's be required to be tested until 24 months after vaccination and that owner's tattoo of purebred animals be recognized as official identification in vaccination and testing. They also requested prohibition of the importation or manufacture of bonemeal or other animal products intended for animal feeding unless sufficiently sterilized or processed at point of origin to destroy bacteria or virus capable of producing animal diseases.

Foot-Mouth Topic At Montana Meeting

THE TONE of the Montana Stockgrowers Association's 68th annual convention at Butte, May 22-24, was influenced by the recently discovered presence of foot-and-mouth disease in Canada, the state's across-the-border neighbor. The topic provided basis for extended discussions both in open session with Dr. F. J. Mulhern of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C., and then in an extended afternoon session of the committee of stockmen, Montana Livestock Commission officials and federal officials. Attending also were Sam C. Hyatt of Hyattville, Wyo., president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and F. E. Mollin of Denver, Colo., the National's executive secretary. Dr. Mulhern had just returned from a two-



Oregon convention guests included (l. to r.) Kent Magruder, Clatskanie; Billy Drinkwater, Prairie City; Bill Southworth, Seneca.

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month stay as an observer for the United States in Regina and plans to return shortly to that quarantined area where foot-and-mouth disease broke out last November.

George Burns, chief brand inspector for Montana, followed Dr. Mulhern on the podium and reported on a trip he had just completed along the Canadian border.

A pre-convention session of officers and executive committee members was presided over by the outgoing president, C. K. Warren of Deer Lodge, who also addressed the convention in its opening session, as did Secretary E. A. Phillips, in making his report for the year.

President Hyatt spoke to the Montanans about the work of the National association, discussing the various problems confronting the nation's stockmen and taking the occasion to speak out against "steadily rising, non-essential, wasteful government expenditures." He touched on the American National's unalterable opposition to the continuation of unworkable price controls on meat. Regulations and controls, he pointed out sharply, do not produce meat, and ration tickets have no value in the black market. . . "Price regulations attempt to cure the symptoms and not the disease." He urged, instead, adoption of the program advocated by the livestock and meat industry - increased production, reduced federal expenditures, payas-we-go taxes, strict credit controls and wise management of the public debt.

Congressman W. A. D'Ewart of Wilsall made a report on federal legislation, and stated that approximately one-third of the national income goes for the support of the government. He described the actual cost to the individual by saying, "When you drive 100 steers down the road to market, 33 of those



A presidential group takes the limelight in a Colorado convention picture. L. to r. are Stafford Painter, Roggen, retiring president, Colorado association; Lloyd Taggart, Cody, Wyo., president of the Wyoming association, and Floyd Beach of Delta, Colo., newly elected president for Colorado.

belong to the tax collector. . ."

Among other programmed speakers was Jerry Sotola of Armour's livestock bureau, Chicago, who digressed from his subject matter, "Low-Cost Operators Will Survive," to talk briefly about a tour he made of Europe recently. W. D. Embree, attorney for the National Live Stock Tax Committee, Denver, discussed federal income taxation as it applies to the raising and sale of livestock. Another program highlight was the showing of the American National sound-color film, "Land of Our Fathers."

Elected to office for the ensuing year are the following men: G. R. (Jack) Milburn, Grass Range, president; Dan Fulton, Ismay, first vice-president; Jack Brenner, Grant, second vice-president.

Preliminary steps were taken for the organization of a state CowBelle group, in which great interest was noted among the many ladies present. An honored

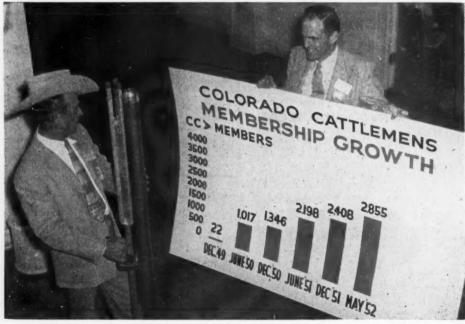
guest among them was Mrs. Sam Hyatt, wife of the president of the American National.

In resolutions, the Stockgrowers urged Senate restoration of \$700,000 for range improvement work; called for an appropriation to be used in research into control of the poisonous weed halogeton; asked for erection of appropriate protection on unfenced mining properties in grazing areas. They desire that reductions be made in big-game numbers in the state, and want full continuation of federal meat inspection service. They protested a provision for inclusion of horsemeat in sausage and urged that all horsemeat be required to carry a label and not be mixed with other meats. The Materials Stabilization Board was urgently requested to provide necessary materials allocations to permit railroads to carry out a program for adding 10,000 needed cars per month to the nation's

Further resolutions opposed increases in intrastate freight rates by the ICC; called for a curb on misrepresentation and false advertising of products imitating leather. They asked for construction of a disease livestock research laboratory-within the continental boundaries of the United States if possible. The stockmen approved a contribution to make possible purchase of a collection of the work of Montana's famous artist, Charles Russell, and they expressed appreciation for the public relations work of F. H. Sinclair. Last in number but certainly not least in importance was the resolution adopted in protest of the continuation of price controls on meats.

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M. McAlpine, Jr., of Redwing (at left) and Secretary Dave Rice of Denver pose proudly with a poster showing growth of membership in the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. At the close of the organization's recent convention in Colorado Springs the membership had gone well above the 3,000 mark.

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THE Northwest Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association decided at a meeting May 8 in Woodward to join the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association to start the ball rolling toward a stronger state-wide or-

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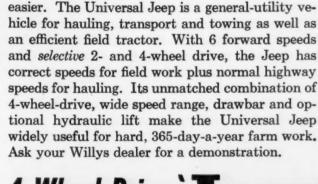
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(L. to r.) Wayne Rowe, Lawton, president Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association; Roy Craig, Leedy, president Northwest Oklahoma group; Hal Cooper, Fort Supply, immediate past president; John Chenoweth, Woodward, secretary.



A CowBelle organization was formed during the day.

ganization. Other locals, it was hoped, would follow suit. The Northwest group represents cattlemen in the Panhandle and northwestern section of the state.

Roy Craig of Leedey was elected president of the 10-county organization, succeeding Hal Cooper of Fort Supply. New vice-president is A. A. Engelman of Beaver; secretary is John Cheoweth of Woodward.

Much of the discussion was about the need for strong associations—local, state and national. The Northwest association had ample evidence of its own value in the betterment the past year of the brand inspection service in the association's territory. Incoming President Craig also said that the association had sponsored feeder cattle and bull sales, worked toward a more effective brand law, and were represented in the price control hearings in Washington.

Speakers included Grover Hill of the Federal Reserve Bank, Wichita, Kans., who warned of the danger of too many livestock for our feed supply; Dr. Lewis Hawkins, of the experiment station in Stillwater, who opposed transfer of the Fort Reno experiment station area to the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians; Phil Ferguson of Woodward; Chas. Gardner, Woodward; Wayne Rowe, president of the Oklahoma state association; J. B. Smith, president of the Osage County Cattlemen's Association, and David O. Appleton, PRODUCER editor, all of whom spoke on one phase or another of association needs and accomplishments.



Mr. and Mrs. Jay Taylor of Amarillo, Tex., at Colorado Springs during the meeting of the Colorado Cattlemen last month. Mr. Taylor, first vice-president of the American National, was a convention speaker.

Two recommendations by the North west Cattlemen's group designed to make cattle rustling tougher were approved by a state legislative council subcommittee. The subcommittee will propose legislation for inspection and recording of brands on cattle moving to market or auction sales in Oklahoma or in interstate trade, stricter enforcement of the laws regulating community sales, and a requirement that shipments of cattle be accompanied by a uniform bill of sale or bill of lading signed by the owner or his guest.



At the annual meeting of the Colorado association last month were (l. to r.) John Goemmer, LaVeta; A. T. McCarthy, Trinidad, past president of the state group, and Chas. Waugh of Sharon Springs, Kan., president of the Kansas Stockmen's Association.

As a result of elections held during the convention, the new slate of officers

for the coming year includes: Floyd

Beach, Delta, president; Leavitt Booth,

Arvada, vice-president; Francis Murphy

of Spicer and Bob Hogsett of Fort Morgan, second vice-presidents, and Bob Burghart, Colorado Springs, treasurer. Main points of consideration dealt

with in the business sessions included

wage and price controls, to which the stockmen voiced strong opposition . . .

foot-and-mouth disease, in connection with which one of the resolutions urged that the Mexican border remain sealed against importation of cattle for

at least another year, and that animals

from either Canada or Mexico carry a special brand showing their source as a

foot-and-mouth area . . . anthrax, against

which the cattlemen asked for defensive

action in preventing importation of meat

products from foreign countries . . .

forest grazing land administration, on

which the cattlemen charged the Forest

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Rose of Pueblo, chairman of the public lands committee, told the convention that a series of demonstration plots is

being readied this summer in an effort

to find out whether stockmen or forest

personnel are right in the long-raging

Colorado Committees Keep Meet Humming

A BUSY, purposeful convention was the 85th annual gathering of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, which took place May 21-24 at Colorado Springs. The organization has about a dozen active standing committees that work constantly on the various phases of their respective problems; i.e., taxes, transportation, etc.; these groups meet frequently and serve to keep the overall association well informed and in position to make any necessary move. At the meeting, for example, an outstanding accomplishment was reported by the tax committee in holding down re-assessment figures to a fair level. Another highly important committee is that handling brand and theft matters; this group recommended concentration on inspection, as well as the framing of a new, workable livestock theft law which is now receiving attention.

controversy about grazing . . . The delegates heard a recommendation from J. Elmer Brock of Kaycee, Wyo., a former American National president, now head of the Wyoming Natural Resource Board, that they establish a similar board in Colorado to protect the state against federal encroachment. . . Another subject brought up for consideration concerns hunters; the game and fish committee of the association called for a law which would require hunters to take an eye examination before receiving licenses, and would give landowners damage protection against hunters and fish-

Prominent speakers on the program alternated with panel group discussions and included Jay Taylor of Amarillo, Tex., first vice-president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, who gave Washington "credit" for today's muddled meat situation; Justice John R. Clark of the Colorado Supreme Court at Denver, who suggested that the cattlemen might fortify their livestock theft law to make illegal disposal of a

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hide prima facia evidence of another incriminating effect rather than going directly as it does to the guilt of a defendant; Attorney Martin W. Littleton of Cody, Wyo., who said the current federal administration has a tendency completely to socialize American agriculture; Dr. William A. Albrech, chairman of soils at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Speaker at the annual banquet was Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado, who warned his listeners that "we cannot achieve prosperity if we have government by edict."

The program included also the annual reports of the outgoing president, Stafford Painter of Roggen, and the secretary, David G. Rice, Jr., of Denver. As the convention drew to a close a membership report showed that there are now 3,069 names on the rolls.

The Junior Colorado Cattlemen's Association program included a breakfast and a swimming party. The CowBelles on May 22 held two business sessions. an annual luncheon and a style show.

Wash. Membership Reaches New Peak

THE TRADITIONAL "Cowboy Breakfast" with which Washington Cattlemen start their annual association convention was, in its 26th edition, at Colfax on May 15, a fitting opener to an enthusiastically attended occasion: several thousand persons packed the fairgrounds for the dawn-to-nearly-noon feed, where those on horseback ate in the Old West style, from planks on top of a hitching rail.

Dale Ausman, Asotin cattleman, was re-elected president; Bill Fancher of Tonasket, vice-president. J. K. Ford of Ellensburg is the association's secretary. The cattlemen chose to meet in Yakima for their 1953 convention.

A first-day feature of the meeting was a tour of the animal husbandry department's facilities at Washington State College, Pullman; its new president, Dr. Clement French, addressed the members, as did Dr. M. E. Ensminger. chairman of the department.

A speech by Nelson Crow, editor of Western Livestock Journal, Los Angeles, was heard on the second day. Mr.



A curbstone conference during an intermission at the Washington state meeting included (l. to r.) W. W. Scruby, director of the Seattle First Na-tional Bank; Tom Chase of Swfit & Company, Chicago, and Billy Coon of Armour & Company, Spokane.

stressed that meat is actually cheaper today than ever, on the basis of earning power, for the average consumer. He recommended a sound research program, particularly on byproducts, and declared that "The out-

look is good."

Jerry Sotola, of Armour & Company's research department, Chicago, stated the cattlemen are not explaining their problems well enough to the consumer; city folks don't realize the work, the risk, weather, feed, disease and management problems that go into producing beef, or that not all cattlemen wear 10-gallon hats and drive huge cars.

Radford Hall, assistant executive secretary of the American National Cattlemen's Association at Denver, talked of public relations, the organization of the National and its current activities.

A. L. Hafenrichter, chief of the SCS nursery division at Portland, Ore., discussed Soil Conservation and Beef Production. The film "Land of Our Fathers" was shown to the cattleman.

A gratifying membership report was made before the convention drew to a close. According to this, the association now has 3,300 members and 29 county association affiliates-the latter figure representing an increase of seven groups over 1951.

Foot-and-mouth disease was the subject of an important resolution adopted by the Washingtonians. Recent outbreaks in Canada, this stated, have moved the infection closer to the U.S. border and are causing considerable concern, but both U.S. and Canadian officials are confident that the disease can be controlled and eventully eliminated. However, presence of the disease to the north has stimulated interest in the building of a laboratory for research, which was recommended.

The cattlemen opposed cash subsidies from the federal government and termed incentive payments to farmers unnecessary. Congress was petitioned to return the function of care of the needy to state and county governments. The



At the May 8 meeting of the Sandhills Cattle Association in Alliance, Nebr., the camera catches up with (l. to r.) Robert Hamilton of Valentine, the secretary; Chester Paxton of Thedford, treasurer, and President Floyd Lackaff of Bassett.

Cattleman-of-the-Year program was continued. In connection with a recent imposition by the ICC of a limit of consecutive hours a livestock transport driver may drive, the resolutions protested and called for a reversal in the ruling as an impractical one. The present law prohibiting quota power by the OPS, said the measures adopted, should be kept. The Stockmen's Grazing Committee was authorized to make minor changes in its proposed "Uniform Grazing Land Tenancy Act," and introduce it in Congress as it deems proper. Congress was asked to appropriate an amount equal to 25 per cent of the grazing fees collected in the preceding year for range improvement. A program of expanded weed research was called for, and also a plan for labeling all commercial mixed feeds containing screenings and for research into better ways of devitalizing weed seed.



Prominent personages on hand for the Washington Cattlemen's convention included (l. to r.) Secretary "Pat" Ford; J. C. Knott, director of Institute of Agricultural Sciences; Alan Rogers, Ellensburg, former state group president; Dr. C. C. French, head of Washington State College; Dale Ausman, president of the state association, and M. R. Ensminger, chairman, department of animal husbandry.

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The Boulder and South Larimer County Cattlemen's Association held its annual spring meeting May 5 at Lyons. President Leslie Kuhn and other incumbent officers were re-elected by members in attendance. A program feature was the showing of the picture, "Land of Our Fathers." Mrs. Gladys Moynihan and Leavitt Booth of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and Rad Hall, assistant secretary of the American National, addressed the meeting.

The following resolutions were approved for submission to the state association meeting held later in the month at Colorado Springs: one urged construction of a foot-and-mouth disease research laboratory; another called for higher deferment ratings for agricultural workers on the military draft, and a third strongly recommended adoption of stricter trespass laws.

New officers of the Cheyenne County Stockmen's Association are Merle White, Arapahoe, Colo., succeeding Don Collins, Kit Carson: Joe Oswald, Kit Carson, vice-president, and C. S. Miles, Kit Carson, secretary. Sixty members present at a meeting of the association in Kit Carson heard short talks by Dave Rice and Leavitt Booth of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and Dave Appleton, Producer editor. Refreshments furnished by the ladies followed the evening meeting.

At Martinsdale, Mont., some weeks ago the Castle Mountain Livestock Association adopted a resolution protesting provision under Section 12 of the Granger-Thye Act for the construction and maintenance of improvements on forest livestock ranges. Stating that the contribution required by private parties would amount to "an increase in the grazing fee apart from the normal fee based on the valuation of livestock crops the prior year; and whereas the administration of the program imposes a tremendous burden upon forest officials concerned, and the contribution by private parties together with the funds contributed by the government in a great many instances does not provide enough funds for the barest maintenance of im-



Caught on a staircase between sessions at the Washington convention were Dillard York of Walla Walla, at left, and Ken Killingsworth of Benge.

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M. Tomlinson, Dunning; Merton Glover, Porcupine, S. D.; Marvin Tucker, Mullen.

rovements," the association opposed the contribution by private parties and recommended that the Forest Service be provided funds by Congress for adequate construction and maintenance of needed range improvements.

In annual meeting at Havre, Mont., on May 3, members of the North Central Montana Stockgrowers Association adopted a resolution strongly recommending a substantial increase in funds appropriated for the BAI for research in communicable diseases of livestock, with special emphasis on foot-and-mouth disease, anaplasmosis and anthrax.

Although the weather was what is generally referred to as "inclement," there were more than 250 persons in attendance for the annual meeting some weeks ago of the Southern California Cattlemen's Association at Olive. Among the programmed speakers was President John Baumgartner, Jr., San Martin, the president of the California Cattlemen's Association. The group re-elected all incumbent officers; they are Louis E. Nohl, Olive, president; Peter McBean, Saugus, vice-president, and Calvin E. Bream, secretary.

Incumbent officers of the Okeechobee County (Fla.) Cattlemen's Association were retained until the end of the year as the result of a decision made in a recent meeting; the annual election will be held in December. In the meantime, the following will continue in office: J. O. Pearce, Jr., president; Brack Cantrell, vice-president; Clifford Boyles, secretary-treasurer.

Newly elected to office by the membership of the Manatee County Cattlemen's Association in a meeting at Palmetto, Fla., are J. E. Thomas, who succeeds Tom Chaires as president; Mrs. Allis Ferguson, vice-president; Raleigh W. Edwards, secretary-treasurer.

The Southeastern Montana Stockgrowers Association held its annual spring meeting in Baker on Apr. 19 under chairmanship of President Casey E. Barthelmess of Miles City. New officers elected at the close of the convention program include R. G. Barthelmess of Olive. president; Fritz Zook, Miles City, secretary.

City-country relations are pretty well cemented in the Colfax, Wash., area. Ninety-eight per cent of the Colfax merchants and two-thirds of the Pullman, Wash., merchants have memberships in the Whitman County Cattlemen's Association.

In Oklahoma, the president of the newly organized Jefferson County Beef Cattle Producers Association is Glen Turner of Ringling. Pete Beavers, Addington, is vice-president; Donald Stewart, Waurika, treasurer; Hugh DeWoody, Waurika, secretary.

Officers elected by the Sandhills Cattle Association in annual convention at Alliance, Nebr., last month include Floyd Lackaff of Bassett, named to the presidency; Ralph Baker of Valentine, chairman of the board; Chester Paxton of Thedford, treasurer, and Robert Hamilton of Valentine, secretary.

This annual meeting was reported as one of the best in recent years, in spite of the handicapping weather and time of year (with spring work to be done).

Among speakers at the meeting was Rad Hall, assistant executive secretary of the American National, who told of the National's activities in the field of legislation affecting the industry.

ANCA STATEMENT ON PRICE CONTROLS

(The following excerpts are taken from a statement filed by the American National Cattlemen's Association with the House Banking and Currency Committee on May 16:)

"We have urged from the beginning that price controls on livestock and meat were impractical and unworkable and that the real solution to the problem is increased production. This has been obtained in the livestock and meat industry despite shortages of labor and materials."

"When (after beef prices were rolled back 10 per cent on May 20, 1951) it was announced that two further rollbacks of 4½ per cent each would be made on Aug. 1 and Oct. 1, immediately there was a rush to market and thousands of cattle were marketed at considerably lighter weights than would have been the case without these announcements."

"The increase in total cattle numbers last year of approximately 4,000,000 head (the increase was largely in beef cattle), bringing the total number up to more than 88,000,000 — the highest ever recorded in this country — gives assurance of an ample beef supply in the period just ahead . . . Cattle on feed Apr. 1 in the 11 Corn Belt states showed 3 per cent, or approximately 80,000 head, more than on the same date a year ago."

"... Since the packer slaughter price quotas were discontinued on July 31, 1951, and since the failure to reimpose them which was made in the session last fall, there has been a turn for the better. It is now believed that cattle slaughter will exceed that of last year by some 3,000,000 head..."

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demand for the continuation of ceilings at the very time that another department of the government is buying pork in substantial quantities to prevent the market from going below the 90 per cent of parity to which all basic commodities are entitled to price support."

"In the case of beef, temporary suspension (of ceilings) would not work at all. In order to maintain ceilings on the different grades of beef, it is necessary that all beef sold shall be graded. The present grading staff of some 600 men is conceded to be the most efficient that has ever functioned in that capacity, but this staff cannot be disbanded and put back in business every few weeks with possible fluctuations of the beef market."

"We want to call attention to a situation in North Dakota, where the administration of OPS has degenerated to a strictly nuisance basis. There is only one central livestock market in that state, located at West Fargo, which is a posted market under the supervision of the Packers and Stockvards Administration. Last August that administration approved an increase in the fee for brand inspection at that point from 12 to 15 cents per head. There are quite a number of smaller auction markets throughout the state - some of them large enough and eligible to posting by the Packers and Stockyards Administration, but they have not been posted because of the lack of funds to service additional posted markets. They remain, therefore under the supervision of a state brand commission and this commission has granted the same increase from 12 to 15 cents a head. The OPS in that state has brought suit against the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, which is in charge of the brand inspection work at all markets in the state, and also against the state brand commission, citing it for the increase of 3 cents per head without OPS permission.

"It seems ridiculous that the OPS, representing the federal government, should permit the increase made by another agency of the federal government but at the same time attempt to take jurisdiction and deny the increase being made by a state agency on markets not presumed to be operating in interstate commerce under the jurisdiction of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

"There is no possible way in which this 3-cent increase in charges could be passed on to the consumer. It must

be paid by the shippers . . .

"Title IV of the Defense Production Act covers stabilization of prices and wages. In view of the fact that wage controls seem to have been practically abandoned in recent weeks, with the Wage Stabilization Board and the President himself using their efforts to push wages up, it is only fair that the attempt at price stabilization should likewise be abandoned.

"At the same time that declines have been registered in live animals and dressed meat prices, there has been a steady increase in the price of practically every single item of farm and ranch expense, with the administration itself helping to push wage costs up.

"Under these circumstances, we urge that Titles IV and V of the Defense Production Act, as amended, be not renewed if there is extension of any part of the act on June 30, 1952."

New officers of the Junior Cattlemen's Association of Idaho are (1 to r.) Corky Vaught, Bruneau, vice-president; Garth Eckert, Boise, president, and Jack De-Chambeau, Boise, secre-



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The Market - Picture

Some price shifting has developed during the past month in livestock prices, but trade in general has followed the seasonal pattern. By and large, trading is confined to current delivery basis, with not much attention toward getting together on stock for future delivery, especially for next fall. Cattle prices have developed a narrowing spread, quite normal in the spring of the year. High Choice to Prime steers have been under pressure, selling 50 cents to \$1 lower, while Commercial, Good and low Choice short-fed cattle have worked \$1 to spots as much as \$2 higher, particularly on lightweight yearlings. Consumer demand at this time appears to be working toward lighter-weight carcasses with the result that a premium has been paid at some markets for steers weighing under 1,050 pounds. Following this line of demand, heifers recently at some markets have sold about on a par with steers, grade for grade. Considering difference in yield, a good many heifers are no doubt costing more in beef than steers. Many markets recently report a dull, draggy market on long-fed steers weighing up around the 1,200-pound mark, such cattle being too heavy for a dressed trade wanting carcasses weighing 500 to 650 pounds or even lighter. With supplies seasonally light, cows have worked fully \$1 to spots \$2 higher during the past month. Despite the fact that hog receipts continue fairly liberal, prices jumped out of the cellar, gaining as much as \$5 to \$6 per hundred the past few weeks. However, late in May an easier turn was in evidence. Not much change occurred in fat lamb prices the past month, with supplies of old crop lambs starting to dwindle.

Storage Up

Cold storage holdings of frozen pork continued to climb and by Apr. 30 stood at better than 580,000,000 poundsnearly 40 per cent over a year ago. Frozen beef in storage Apr. 30 was down moderately from a month previous at better than 229,000,000 pounds, but well over double the 100,700,000 pounds on hand a year ago. Lard stocks moved up to 85,700,000 pounds compared with nearly 73,000,000 pounds a year ago. However the supply still figures well below the five-year average of 115,000,000 pounds.

Following the recent spurt in hog prices, the USDA announced suspension of the recent pork products buying program. Some 26,000,000 pounds of pork products were purchased under the program for next fall delivery.

Inspection Off

Federally inspected slaughter of cattle during March was some 5 per cent below a year ago. The only regions during March to show an increase were the south central states and the Pacific Coast. In total cattle slaughtered, the state of California, for the second time in recent months, topped the nation. With cattle numbers on feed relatively heavy on the West Coast this year, the east-west movement of fat cattle has been markedly reduced, particularly the past few months. In fact, some West Coast fed cattle were reported to have moved eastward to Corn Belt markets.

According to the BAE, western grazing and range feed conditions showed an unusual improvement during April. Rains gave relief from the extended drouth in the Southwest, with favorable weather developing the late feed growth in northern sections. Only parts of western Texas and southeast New Mexico reported dry conditions. Feed conditions were greatly improved in the eastern two-thirds of Texas and western and northeast New Mexico, southeast Colorado and Arizona. Range feed developed well in Montana, the Dakotas and Wyoming. Nebraska and Kansas pastures have good feed prospects and soil moisture. Oklahoma has good moisture for spring grass. Range feed made good growth in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, with some feed retarded by cool weather and dry spots in north central Oregon and parts of central Washington. Utah and Nevada range feed showed exceptional improvement with good soil moisture, but new feed growth is late. Arizona feed conditions are good to excellent, the best for May 1 since 1941. California has very satisfactory range and pasture feed conditions, the best in several years, with showers prolonging the life of early maturing native feeds. Hay supplies have been fed very close, with small carry-overs.

Rainfall Effect

Recent rainfall over wide areas of the western states have tended to strengthen prices for stock cattle, particularly those intended for grazing. Some growers who were rather anxious to move cattle from dry areas are now in position to hold their cattle following welcome rains. Average cost of stocker and feeder steers at some major terminal markets has come up considerably from some weeks ago. While some markets were running \$2 to \$3 and more under a year ago a month or so ago, some markets are now only \$1 to \$1.50 below last year, the advance largely applying to light yearlings and calves.

While no trading basis appears to be established in the way of fall contracting, occasional isolated sales here and there were reported. In southwest Texas a few herds of yearling steers were reported contracted for October delivery at \$32, scattered other small deals around \$30 to \$31 with some Choice mixed calves for fall delivery at \$33 to \$34. Some \$30 bids in Montana for fall calves were reported refused, with asking prices ranging from \$33 up. Bids of \$20 to \$23 were refused in

Washington, Idaho and western Montana on spring lambs for fall delivery, though one deal was reported closed in Montana on a string of mixed black-face lambs expected to weigh 75 pounds at \$22.60, fall delivery.

Price Round-Up

Late in May bulk of the Choice fed steers throughout the country sold from \$31.50 to \$35, and a moderate supply of high Choice and Prime made \$35.50 to \$37.50, latter price paid at Chicago. Commercial to low Choice short-feds sold largely at \$27.50 to \$31.50, and up to \$32 or better at some markets. Choice fed heifhers sold from \$32 to \$34.50. Choice to Prime at Chicago making \$36 and better. Good to low Choice shortfed heifers brought \$28.50 to \$31.50. Utility and Commercial cows sold from \$21.50 to \$26, Canners and Cutters \$16 to \$21. Bologna type bulls for sausage purposes continued to bring \$24 to \$28, but some markets discounted fat bulls at \$26.50 and down. Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold readily at \$31.50 to \$36, short yearlings frequently bringing \$37 or better with some 500- to 530-pound weights at Kansas City reaching \$38 to \$38.90, indicating the current broad demand for cattle to go on grass. Good and Choice feeder steers 800 pounds upward sold from \$29 to \$33, some fleshy 800-pound weights as high as \$33.65 at Kansas City. Steer calves scaling over 400 pounds sold about in line with short yearling steers, largely \$33 to \$38 for Good and Choice, some lightweight mixed calves under 300pounds as high as \$41. Good and Choice feeding and stock heifers sold from \$28 to \$32, short yearlings occasionally up to \$33. Stock cows and calves sold from \$225 to \$275 per pair, some high quality young cows at \$300 to \$350.

In a spectacular price climb, Choice light and medium-weight butcher hogs at Corn Belt markets sold late in May from \$21.75 to \$23.25, in sharp contrast to the \$17 to \$17.50 prices a month ago.

Good to Prime old crop wooled and shorn lambs were about to the cleanup stage of the marketing season, selling from \$27.50 to \$29. Choice and Prime spring lambs sold from \$29 to \$31 at Midwest markets, but the supply of these was rather light. A sizeable volume of Good to Prime spring lambs moved in the far West at \$26.50 to \$27.50.—C.W.

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Washington Notes

TEN MILLION FOR LAB

The House approved 10 million dollars to set up an "isolated, airtight" footand-mouth disease research laboratory. The money was included in a \$1,475,420,-000 "urgent deficiency" appropriation bill. The laboratory is to be set up on an island, controlled by the federal government and separated from the mainland by navigable water.

TO BEAT THE EMBARGO

The meat surplus which has been threatening Canada since the discovery of foot-and-mouth disease in that country and the resultant ban on imports of meat into the United States may be solved under a three-way agreement: Under it, Canada will export a minimum of 40,000,000 pounds of fresh beef and pork to the United Kingdom this year and receive frozen New Zealand meat in payment. The New Zealand meat will then be sold in the United States, thus, in effect, giving Canada a way around the U.S. embargo.

FATS ROLLBACK RETRIEVED

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall has announced that the rollbacks of price ceilings on crude soybean oil, crude cottonseed oil, crude corn oil and lard, which were suspended on Apr. 28, have been rescinded. The ceilings in effect before the suspension are restored and become the suspended ceilings.

The National Renderers Association said that the Apr. 28 rollback "at leas: put us in a more favorable overall ceiling price relationship with other principal domestically produced fats and oils" and asked the House banking committee to instruct Mr. Arnall to cancel the seconrollback action with respect to inedib! tallow and grease.

SUPPORT FOR CAKE The Department of Agriculture has announced a program to buy cottonseed oil, cake or meal and linters from crushers so that prices to growers might be supported. (We thought the price of cottonseed cake was plenty high anyway.)

TRUCK RATES RISE

The Interstate Commerce Commission granted a 6 per cent freight rate increase to nearly 700 motor truckers engaged largely in long distance operations. The increase will apply to carriers based in the Rocky Mountain territory and those operating transcontinentally to and from most sections through the Rocky Mountain area.

APPROVE PRICE MEASURE

The Senate banking committee approved a bill extending wage and price control for eight months beyond the June 30 expiration and to continue authority to control credit and allocate scarce materials for a year. The measure would abolish the present Wage Stabilization Board and replace it with an allpublic panel stripped of power to recommend settlements in labor disputes.

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Outlook for Exports Of Mexican Livestock

ALTHOUGH there was previously considerable opinion in Mexican livestock and government circles favoring strict export controls on live cattle in order to protect the meat packing industry in northern Mexico, there now seems to be some change in attitude as Sept. 1 draws closer. That is the date on which it has been announced the U.S.-Mexico border would be reopened if there are no further outbreaks of footand-mouth disease. It is now thought that exports of yearling steers will be freely permitted; older cattle may also be allowed to come across on foot (with export taxes probably employed as a device for controlling the movement and for protecting the domestic packing industry.)

It is still too soon to estimate numbers of cattle which may be exported during the 1952-53 season, but it would appear that 200,000 yearlings might represent an absolute maximum for exports on foot, with no likelihood that exports of heifers will be allowed. Possibly there will be an additional 50,000 to 100,000 head of older cattle - including 2- and 3-year-old steers, canner cows and other cattle suitable for export as dressed beef, boned and cured beef or canned meat. The Mexican government is said to be working on regulations to cover the entire subject.

Drouth conditions which have existed for several years, and the resultant sacrifice of cattle for which there was inadequate pasture, has greatly depleted some Mexican herds. It is estimated in some quarters that it will take three good years for cattle to reach pre-footand-mouth disease numbers. Before the border was closed by the disease, between 400,000 and 500,000 cattle were exported on foot to the United States. These were nearly all male calves, for Mexico has followed the policy of keeping heifers on the range. Available information indicates there could be as high as 300,000 head of all types for export the first year. Probably not more than 200,000 of these would be yearling feeders . . . This is assuming that a good market exists in the United States and Mexican export requirements and American import requirements do not hamper the operation. It is not believed this many live cattle would be exported: that, instead, a good percentage would be sent out as carcass beef and other meat products. Relative prices next fall should be an influential factor on what the percentage will be.

In general, the Mexican rancher wants the border open to the free movement of live cattle, feeling that the added competition would be healthy for the livestock industry. There is dissatisfaction with the amount and delay in receiving prices from some of the packing plants, and there is a feeling that certain classes, particularly feeder calves,

can be marketed more profitably across the border. Few cattle are butchered in the Mexican plants under three years of age. One rancher claimed he is selling 3-year-old steers for slaughter for \$60; in 1946, even at lower prices, he could get that for a yearling calf sold across

Generally, representatives of the packing and freezing industry are reported to prefer placing of restrictions on export of live animals from Mexico, even to the extent that no cattle could cross the border on the hoof. Most press publicity supports this stand, and draws attention to the added income that comes through the recently created packing industry and to the loss on investments, unemployment, shortage of domestic meat supply and possibly rising meat prices if live cattle are exported.

A number of the packing and freezing plants are owned outright by cattle ranchers. These men are quite influential in politics, and it is expected they would do all they could to protect their plant

Most packers are optimistic over the prospect of being able to export more

investments.

Neckyoke Jones Says:

Another ol' time top hand has rode off to a new range. Ol' Charlie Myers of Wyomin' throwed in his hand, cashed in an' has gone to greener pastures. Like many other cowmen, he was a fine American-an' politickel party or nuthin' else could git him to compromise his good Americanism. He was a salty ol' fellerwith plenty of sand. About a month ago me and ol' Greasewood, we got a letter from Charley which was writ from a hospittel in Salt Lake City. The docs had jest got through workin' on him-an' his very nice daughter wrote the letter as he dicktated.

He was a purty sick man-but he didden say much about that. He was worryin' about what was happenin' to his country. As far as his own condishun was concerned he wasn't thinkin' much about it-but he was wishin' some sort of doctor could git a sharp knife an' go to work on them who is tryin' to put Sochilism on the USA. Charley was a feller who made his own way, stood on his own two feet an' asted no odds from noboddythe kind of man which opened up these here western states, an' who stuck it out through dry summers an' hard winters. If there is any nobility in this here country-it is made up of fellers like him. Wherever he rides in, hereafter, unsaddles and hangs up his hat, you betcha they have got 'em a doggone good hand. Cattle folks is goin' to miss him an' remember him for a long, long time.—F.H.S. of their products. It is expected that the 16 federally inspected plants will be able to export carcass beef, chilled or frozen, various edible offal and other by-products which are not now permitted. At present only canned and boned and cured meat from federally inspected plants is permitted entry into the U.S. One observer has expressed the opinion that Mexican carcass beef might not find great demand here because of its lower quality and lack of

Herds have not as yet been built up, and steadily growing local consumption will also be a factor in keeping volume of meat to be exported unchanged for some time.

It is expected there will be a resumption of local movements of meat in small quantities across the border.

Mexican Stockmen Hard Hit by Drouth

THOUSANDS of head of cattle, representing a loss of more than 100,000,-000 pesos (\$11,574,000) to Mexican cattlemen, have died during the past 12 months in the state of Durango, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Zacatecas and Nuevo León, due to the lack of grazing lands, feedstuffs and persistent drouths which have devastated huge areas of the northern part of the Republic.

The affected cattlemen, through their association, have petitioned the department of agriculture for speedy aid against a situation which threatens to cover the entire cattle country of the north, and even to spread to other parts of the Republic, according to the most pessimistic observers.

Cattle in the affected region, according to reports released by the Cattlemen's Union, are so thin that it would not prove worthwhile to drive the herds to Mexico City and other urban centers for slaughtering. Further, the Union report said, ailments making their appearance as a result of the drouth are decimating herds even more each day.

Some cattlemen have been able to drive their herds to the Huasteca region in the state of San Luis Potosi, where the grazing situation is favorable, with sufficient pasture for their herds. But not all ranches in the area can converge on the Potosi pasture lands.

Mexico City is receiving its beef on the hoof from the state of Veracruz, with reports of purchases also made in the states of Tobasco and Chiapas to the south. These purchases, according to latest reports which show 1,000 head slaughtered daily for city consumption, have eliminated the shortages of recent years which have usually appeared from April to late June and even into July. Free entry of cattle to slaughterhouses within the city and on the outskirts, and the permission granted for entry of carcasses, have more than supplied the meat needs of the Mexican capital.—EMIL Tax Con

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Tax Agents Attack Constant Prices

HERE is a tax question which has been asked frequently in the past few months. It goes like this:

"For years I have used constant or unit price in valuing livestock in my inventory. Recently I was told by a revenue agent that the prices I have been using are too low and that I will have to raise them and pay an additional tax on the difference between the value of my inventory at the old prices and the value at the raised prices. Has the revenue agent got the right to do this?"

There are several answers to this question depending upon whether the stockman is talking about raised animals or purchased animals and upon the number of years he has been using the constant or unit price method of inventory. Here they are:

1. First, let us take for example the case of a cattleman who has inventoried all of his raised animals as follows: Calves, \$25; yearlings, \$35; mature animals, \$50. He has inventoried these raised animals consistently at these prices since before Jan. 1, 1944. Under the present ruling governing the use of the unit livestock price method of inventorying, the revenue agent cannot require this stockman to raise the prices which he has been using. The three factors which, under the ruling, give the stockman the right to maintain his prices are (1) that the animals are raised, (2) that the prices used have been used since before Jan. 1, 1944, and (3) that the prices have been kept the same throughout the years.

2. Take the same example as above except that the stockman did not start using constant prices consistently until after Jan. 1, 1944. The ruling states "when first selected, unit prices are subject to the approval of the commissioner. . . . Prices used on returns for prior years which have been examined and accepted by the commissioner will be considered as established by the taxpayer who has used constant costs in prior years and has not subsequently adopted a different method, and such prices will be accepted. As to prices not previously established, moreover, the commissioner will give great weight to the prices set by the taxpayer and will accept the prices unless they are exceptionally low. . . . Once established, the unit price on classifications adopted will not be subject to change except with the permission of the Commissioner . . ." Under this wording it is my opinion that after a taxpayer has used the same unit prices for three or four years without objection from the commissioner, such unit prices should be deemed to have been accepted by the Commissioner and to have been "established" and thereafter the Commissioner should not

change such prices (if they are used consistently by the taxpayer) and the taxpayer himself should not change them without getting permission from the commissioner.

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 above deal with raised animals. Now let us take up the question of purchased animals. Using the same example as above, let us assume that the stockman buys a cow for \$250 and puts her in his inventory at his unit price, i.e., \$50. The revenue agent examining the return advises that he may not do this but that the stockman must put the purchased cow into his inventory at purchase price. The revenue agent is correct in this instance because the regulation specifically so provides. As to breeding animals which the stockman has purchased as a part of his breeding herd, the regulation gives the stockman the option either of entering these animals into his inventory at the purchase price or holding them out of inventory completely and depreciating them just as he would his farm machinery.

This prohibition against entering purchased animals into inventory at the unit prices creates a considerable problem for the stockman who purchases most of his she-stuff and, unaware of the regulation, has been entering them in inventory at his unit price. The National Live Stock Tax Committee which persuaded the government to issue the regulation at a time when the government completely denied the use of the constant price method of inventorying, put up a prolonged fight to get the government to agree that purchased animals could be entered in inventory at unit prices. But the government remained adamant on this point. Therefore, both before and after the unit price regulation the commissioner has always had the right to step in and require purchased animals to be inventoried at purchase price even though it is considerably higher than the constant price being used. If, however, a Revenue Agent decides to enforce the commissioner's ruling and make a stockman raise all of his purchased animals to purchase price, the stockman has some protection. Suppose, for instance, that a taxpayer uses a constant price of \$50 on cows, and has in his inventory a number of purchased cows costing, say, an average of \$250. Suppose the examining agent is investigating the year 1949. He proposes that all the purchased cows on hand at the end of 1949 be raised to \$250. This would be disastrous if the opening inventory of purchased cows for 1949 were not also raised to \$250. Many revenue agents will try to raise the closing inventory without adjusting the opening one. However, there is good authority for the proposition that the taxpayer has the right to require that the opening inventory also be raised. If the opening and closing inventories are both raised, then, assuming that the same purchased

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animals were on hand at the beginning and end of the year, the adjustment results in no increase in income.

There is good authority for arguing that in the foregoing situation the revenue agent cannot go back to the closing inventory in 1948 which would be barred ordinarily by the statute of limitations, and the net result of the matter would be that, without any increase in income for 1949, the taxpayer would get a stepped-up inventory. The increase in inventory value between the close of 1948 and the opening of 1949 would be barred by the statute of limitations. If the foregoing is brought to the attention of the revenue agent, the net result generally will be that he will leave at the constant price all the purchased animals on hand at the beginning of the year, and will put back at the purchase price only those animals purchased during the year. This may result in a deficiency, and it certainly results in a more complicated system of inventory. Yet it is not too serious taxwise, in that the only animals which are written up at the end of the year are those purchased during the year.

Of course, the best way for a stockman using the unit livestock price method of inventorying to handle purchased breeding stock is for him to keep them out of inventory and depreciate them. Although this calls for some increase in bookkeeping in the case of a large operation with many groups of animals of different ages, nevertheless, it is probably worthwhile doing in view of the new capital gains law, since if the animals involved are depreciated over a period of time, the taxpayer's cost basis on the sale of the animals will be quite low and his profit (only half of which is taxable under the capital gains law) is greater.

One further point in connection with the use of the unit livestock price method of inventory: Although the example given in the regulation regarding the use of the unit price system breaks the

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herd down into several classifications. as for instance, calves, yearlings, two year olds, and mature animals, it is not necessary that a taxpayer use this many classifications. He could use three or two classifications or even one price for all animals in the inventory. A few years ago a large ranch which had been using a single unit price for all animals was advised by the revenue agent that it would be necessary to use several classifications with differring prices. The prices which the revenue agent quoted as being proper would have resulted in a terrific increase in inventory value resulting in a tremendous tax. I worked with the ranch in this matter and we obtained a ruling authorizing use of a single price.

In conclusion, under the terms of the regulation governing the use of the unit livestock method of inventorying (TD-5423) and the Mimeograph in support thereof (IT-Mimeograph, Coll. No. 5790, RA No. 1399), the revenue agent has no right to raise unit prices which have been "established," as defined above, insofar as raised animals are concerned. There have been rumors that the Bureau of Internal Revenue would change the regulation so that it would be within the power of the Agents to raise unit prices which they consider too low despite the fact that the unit prices have been "established" for a number of years. The National Live Stock Tax Committee will, of course, oppose any such change. It feels that in view of the intent of Congress as expressed in the Senate and House Committee reports on the new livestock capital gains law, Congress should approve such a change. Those committee reports stated that "gains from the sales of livestock should be computed in accordance with the method of livestock accounting used by the taxpayer and presently recognized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue." - STEPHEN H. HART, Attorney, National Live Stock Tax Committee.

Proposes Rule On Capital Gains

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has proposed a regulation as follows, for interpreting the 1951 law on capital gains in the sale of livestock. It is a proposal concerning which objections may be filed, and therefore tentative:

LIVESTOCK HELD (d) DRAFT, BREEDING, OR DAIRY PUR-POSES.

(1) For the purpose of this section, the term "livestock" shall be given a broad, rather than a narrow, interpretation and includes cattle, hogs, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, fur-bearing animals, and other mammals. It does not include chickens, turkeys, pigeons, geese, other birds, fish, frogs, reptiles, etc.

(2) The determination whether or not livestock is held by the taxpayer for a draft, breeding, or dairy purpose depends upon all of the facts and circumstances in each particular case. The purpose for which the animal is held is ordinarily shown by the taxpayer's actual use of the animal. However, a draft, breeding, or dairy purpose may be present in a case where the animal is disposed of within a reasonable time after its intended use for such purpose is prevented by accident, disease, or other circumstance. An animal held for ultimate sale to customers in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's trade or business may, depending upon the circumstances, be considered held for a draft, breeding, or dairy purpose. An animal is not held by the taxpayer for a draft, breeding, or dairy purpose merely because it is suitable for such purpose or because it is held by the taxpayer for sale to other persons for use by them for such purpose. Furthermore, an animal held by the taxpayer for other purposes is not considered to be held for a draft, breeding, or dairy purpose merely because of a negligible use of the animal for such purpose or because of the use of the animal for such purpose as an ordinary or necessary incident to the purpose for which the animal is held.

(3) These principles may be illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1. An animal intended by the taxpayer for use by him for breeding purposes is discovered to be sterile, and is disposed of within a reasonable time thereafter. This animal was held for breeding purposes.

EXAMPLE 2. The taxpayer retires from the breeding or dairy business and sells his entire herd, including young animals which would have been used by him for breeding or dairy purposes if he had remained in business. These young animals were held for breeding or dairy purposes.

EXAMPLE 3. A taxpayer in the business of raising hogs for slaughter customarily breeds sows to obtain a single

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EXAMPLE 4. A taxpayer in the business of raising horses for sale to others for use by them as draft horses uses such horses for draft purposes on his own farm in order to train them. This use is an ordinary or necessary incident to the purpose of selling such animals, and accordingly, these horses are not held for draft purposes.

EXAMPLE 5. The Taxpayer is in the business of raising registered cattle for sale to others for use by them as breeding cattle. It is the business practice for the cattle to be bred, prior to sale, in order to establish their fitness for sale as registered breeding cattle. In such case, those cattle used by the taxpayer to produce calves which are added to the taxpayer's herd are considered to be held for breeding purposes; the taxpayer's use of the other cattle for breeding purposes is an ordinary or necessary incident to his holding such other cattle for the purpose of selling them as registered breeding cattle, and such use does not demonstrate that the taxpayer is holding the cattle for breeding pur-

EXAMPLE 6. A taxpayer, engaged in the business of buying cattle and fattening them for slaughter, purchased cows with calf. The calves were born while the cows were held by the taxpayer. These cows were not held for

breeding purposes.

An Open Letter

TO CHIEF FORESTER L. F. WATTS

BECAUSE of widespread misrepresentation by members of your service throughout the western states as to the part the American National Cattlemen's Association played relative to forest range improvement appropriations, I am addressing this open letter to you and publishing the same in the AMERICAN CATTLE PRODUCER. We want our members and permittees generally to know the truth about this matter and we are getting pretty tired of repeated misrepresentation by employees of your de-

Under date of Feb. 26 I directed a letter to Mr. Dutton calling his attention to this matter as a report had come to us then from one of the local associations in Colorado that the supervisors or rangers in that area were blaming the American National for the delay in range improvement funds being available this fiscal year.

We have recently had two or three more reports in which the same story is told-that the American National put in some kind of clause in a bill in Congress that prevented the distribution of these funds.

You know, as I do, that these statements blaming the American National for the fact that range improvement funds have not been available this year are nothing but bare-faced lies. It doesn't help the reputation of the Forest Service for your representatives to continue to tell these lies and it seems to me that in all fairness you ought to send word to the regional offices to contact every supervisor and ranger in the country to insist that they quit peddling them.

The fact of the matter is, as you know, that under the Granger-Thye Act passed two years ago an appropriation for fiscal 1951 for \$700,000 was duly passed and the money made available for range improvement purposes during that year. The following year, fiscal '52, Chairman Whitten, of Mississippi, of the House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appro-

priations, got the bright idea that before a similar appropriation could be re-leased, it would have to be matched at the rate of one to three from non-federal sources. We had nothing to do with this and would strenuously have opposed it had we known about it in time. We are now in the process of getting it stricken from the law so that the \$700,000 appropriated for the fiscal year just now drawing to a close will be available.

It is hardly necessary to say that permittees who find that the statements made by supervisors and rangers in this regard are untrue will be loath to believe them about anything else. It seems to me that it is time the Forest Service exercised some restraint over the loose talk of its members in the field. There is a limit beyond which they should not be allowed to go.—F. E. MOLLIN.

(From meetings of stockmen around the country, and from correspondence, we learn that despite the fact that the Forest Service is aware of the move in Congress to repeal the matching provision, representatives of the Forest Service continue to tell forest permittees in many sections of the country that they will have to put up the funds—or a portion of them, at least—to maintain existing improvements if any work is to be done this year.

This is being considerably less than frank. At the very latest, according to trank. At the very latest, according to the way the appropriation bill now stands in the Senate, the matching pro-vision will be done away with June 30, and the funds appropriated for this year—mostly unspent—will be available, without any matching requirement.)

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Through a RANCH HOUSE WINDOW

By DOROTHY McDONALD

Sometimes in late spring or early summer there is a time when the beach fog, instead of staying down on the coast where it belongs, drifts in to lie in cottony whiteness all over our hills.

For a few days then we live in a mysterious world of shadows and muffled sound. There is no use trying to work the cattle, for they appear and disappear in a sort of ghost-country all their own. The blatting of the new calves and the answering bawl of their mothers is far away and formless in the fog. Every sound seems wrapped in velvet, and the horses' hoofs strike no echo among the rocks as the animals come to drink at the spring below the rimrock.

It's a time of rare peace and beauty, but it's not a time I love. I don't want life-or even the weather-tempered and wrapped in cotton wool. I'd rather have the sun hot on my shoulders, the run of light and shadows on a grassy plain and the high wind blowing!

The ocean is beautiful and awesome and wonderful to look at . . . but only the Sea of Grass is right for me.

I guess that makes me kin to all ranch women everywhere.

I hope you liked the fine message from Mrs. O. W. Lynam, president of our new National CowBelles, in the last issue of the PRODUCER. It seem such a clear, concise summary of the aims of the new organization.

A note from her this month quoted a resolution passed by the Archuleta County (Colo.) CowBelles in which they asked for construction, as soon as possible, of a foot-and-mouth disease research laboratory, in accordance with a law passed in 1948.

Meet Your Neighbor

In line with the Ladies' Choice plan to introduce all National CowBelle of-

Mrs. Frank Fehling of Nathrop, Colo., chairman of National **CowBelles** public relations committee and second vicepresident.



ficers and as many as possible of other prominent ranch families through this column, we wrote to Mrs. Frank Fehling of Nathrop, Colo., asking her to tell us about herself and her family. Mrs. Fehling, you know, is the first woman to hold the position of chairman of the public relations committee of the National CowBelles, of which she is second vice-president.

In her reply Mrs. Fehling modestly disclaimed any ability at writing . . . and then proceeded to paint such a lovely word-picture of a happy and successful ranch woman's life that I'm tempted to tell it all in her own words. But since she mightn't like that, I only hope that I can give you the flavor of it here-so you, too, may feel that you really know Frank and Winnie Bell Fehling.

Both she and her husband still have their old home places in that valley where they live. Mrs. Fehling's grandand also did some mining in the early Leadville days.

Winnie Bell and her sister Anna and brothers John and Robert rode to their country school horseback in, as she remembers, "some pretty bad Colorado weather." Later Mrs. Fehling went to Colorado A. & M. College for the old three-year short course that was later discontinued.

In 1917 Winnie Bell Donley married a neighbor cowboy, Frank Fehling. The first twelve summers of their married life they spent on the high range, homesteading, and Mrs. Fehling rode with her husband and lived in a one-room cabin on the homestead. "Those years," she says, "seem to have been the outstanding years of our happiness. But all the rest of our life has been good and happy, too."

The Fehlings have been faithful attendants at the Colorado state meetings for many years. Mrs. Fehling is a charter member of the Colorado CowBelles, and she was on the committee appointed to choose the name for the new group. She was president of the Colorado Cow-Belles from 1942 to 1944, the same years that Frank Fehling was president of the Colorado Cattlemen.

Mr. Fehling served four terms as state representative from Chaffee and Lake counties.

The Fehlings have no children of their own, but have had "just as much pleasure as any grandparents" out of the three children of their nephew Glenn McMurry and his wife. Mr. McMurry has been with them as a foreman since 1931-just "a whip stitch," as it were, compared to some of their employees . . . W. E. (Bill) Dunlap, for instance, has been with them since 1923. That gives you a pretty good idea of the kind of people the Fehlings are, I think.

Two years ago the Fehlings remodeled an old ranch house that had been built in 1876 and moved from the home ranch place into it. "I guess we sort of retired," says Winnie Bell . . . but she still has chickens and a garden, makes soap, bakes bread and puts the meat supply down in the deep freezer now instead of into the home cure as before. It's what you might call a pretty active retirement.

When Mr. Fehling was in the legislature they spent their winters in Denver. Now they go either to California or to the South for the cold months. "But," says Winnie Bell, "we much prefer summers when we're again 'home on the range.'"

So . . . met Frank and Willie Bell Fehling, another happy and busy and successful ranch family.

The National CowBelles, I think, are lucky to have her as an officer.

Winnie Bell Donley was born and reared in Chaffee County, Colorado. father, John D. Coon, came to the valley (then a part of Lake County) in 1865. He was a real pioneer, there being only three other men in the vicinity then. He homesteaded the original place,

Ladies elected to govern the Washington Cow Belles Association for the coming year are (l. to r.) Mrs. Lloyd Story, Pullman, secretary; Mrs. Floyd Bloomfield, Pull-Bloomfield, Pullman, president; Mrs. Ray Kinchelo, Loomis, vice-president.



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At Home On the Range

Well, this is what I like! Mrs. Frank Fehling, our "Neighbor" this month, sent along a couple of her own recipes. I wish you'd all do that; I have been keeping house for so many years and I'm so tired of my own cooking! Tired, sometimes, of even writing about it! You don't know what a lift it gives me when someone write in recipes or suggestions. And both these from Mrs. Fehling were entirely new to me.

The first one is wonderful! We had these buns for dinner, and the only thing wrong with the recipie, according to my menfolks, was that it made only two pansful! I'd never tasted corn meal in yeast dough before, but it is an inspired combination. I hope your families enjoy

it as much as we did.

MRS. FEHLING'S CORN MEAL BUNS

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Soften yeast in water. Let stand about five minutes. Scald milk; add butter, shortening, sugar and salt. Let cool to lukewarm. Beat eggs light. To the milk mixture add 2 cups of flour, the yeast, and the eggs. Beat well, Add cornmeal and enough more flour to make a soft dough. Put on lightly-floured board and let rest five minutes. Knead until smooth and resistant. Place in a greased bowl, brush with melted butter, and let rise in a warm place until double in bulk. Punch down and shape into rolls (or into two loaves.) Let rise again, and bake in a hot oven, 425 degrees, 12 to 15 minutes for the buns or one hour at 350 degrees for the loaves.

Mrs. Fehling's other suggestion was in the form of a hint for good cooking. She says that she prefers whole wheat flour to use in preparing all foods for frying, such as chicken, fish or anything else that should be dipped in flour. It makes a better crust, and never wads up as white flour does. Since I'm one of those who hates to flour things for that very reason, I promptly decided to have fried fish for dinner and to use the dark flour for dipping it.

Mrs. Fehling was right! Never have my fish filets had such a crisp brown crust . . . and there was no pasty mass of wet flour to clean off the sink, either.

Thanks again, Mrs. Frank Fehling! I hope some of the rest of you Cow-Belles will get busy and send me some of your pet recipes or short-cuts in cook-

And so . . . good eating . . . and good evening.-D. M.

CowBelle Notes

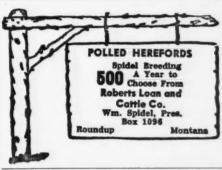
On June 3 Mrs. Fred D. Boice, Sr., president of the Wyoming CowBelles, delivered an address before the 80th annual convention of the Wyoming Stock Growers at Cheyenne. In this, she noted that "Much success has crowned our efforts by working together. . . . Our industry was being made a 'whipping boy'-largely because we cover a lot of territory with comparatively few votes. ... I don't need to enumerate to any of you the succession of crises that our American National has been meeting and battling to overcome. Just how could the Wyoming CowBelles help? I pondered for some time before reaching any conclusion. I knew that statistics show that women control about 85 per cent of the money in the United States. It was



New officers of the Idaho CowBelles. (L. to r.) Mrs. Edith Taylor, Grouse, treas-urer; Mrs. R. C. Larsen, Kimberly, president; Mrs. Walter Schodde, Burley, vice-president. More than 200 CowBelles attended the various affairs put on for the ladies at the recent con-

In lower view are other CowBelle officers: Past Presidents Mrs. Amos Eck-ert, Boise; Mrs. Ira Morrell, Glenns Ferry, secretary; Mrs. Milford Vaught, Bruneau, immediate past treasurer; Mrs. Adin Hall, Glenns Ferry, past presi-dent. This picture was taken as the officers were getting ready for their regular business session.





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man, that had become rampant in nation-wide publicity. The thought was to make a start locally in the stock raising communities and demonstrate the part played by stock growers in the local economy, and then branch out to the state and national levels. . . . Mrs. Joe Watt consented to be the director of public relations and to head the project "Operation—Information." We lined up the wives of the executive committee in every county and that gave us a nucleus for our organization. . . . We have had the utmost cooperation from everyone. . . . The results have been reported each month, and we are grateful for the courtesy of the space that has been given us."

Sixty-one wives of Washington Cattlemen, at Colfax during the state organization's late-May convention, held a conclave of their own and came up with a new state CowBelle association. Their purpose, said Mrs. Floyd Bloomfield of Pullman, the president, "is to organize cattlemen's wives into groups to act as auxiliaries for the county organizations. We also," she said, "are planning to start an information program on the meat price situation and we intend to deal in facts." There are at present three CowBelle groups in the state, but the prediction was made that more are in the immediate offing. Other officers of the new state Cow-Belle group, besides Mrs. Bloomfield, are Mrs. Ray Kinchelo, Loomis, vicepresident, and Mrs. Lloyd Story, Pullman, secretary.

Mrs. Mell Harper, Sitka, Kan., announced the formation during the annual meeting of the Northwest Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association in Woodward of the Northwest Oklahoma CowBelles group, with Mrs. Clifford Lloyd Laverne, president; Mrs. Hal Cooper, Fort Supply, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Mayo, Beaver. secretary, and Mrs. Dave Savage, Woodward, reporter. Mrs. Harper is secretary of the American National CowBelles.

If plans got under way during the recent convention of the Montana Stockgrowers Association are good indication—as surely they must be—there will in the not-too-distant future be a new addition to the circle of sister organizations, when the Montana CowBelles join with other state groups which make up the American National CowBelles.

The Colorado CowBelles included on their part of the recent convention program at Colorado Springs a number of business and entertainment sessions . . . a luncheon, style review, etc. Elected president to succeed Mrs. A. J. Becksted of Redfeather Lakes is Mrs. Carl Bledsoe of Arroya. Mrs. Tom B. Field of Gunnison is the new vice-president.

A champion sheep dog in Adelaide, Australia, is reported to wear a hearing aid.



The Kansas CowBelle Trio, much in demand in Kansas over radio and otherwise, entertained northwest Oklahoma cattlemen and cattlewomen at the annual meeting of the Northwest Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association in Woodward May 8. Mrs. Robert Randall is at the piano. The trio: Mrs. Paul Randall Mrs. Lowell Randall and Mrs. Walter Broadie. They are all wives of cattlemen, all from Clark County, Kans.

MEAT FOR HEALTH

High-quality protein, such as furnished by meat and other animal foods, is now recognized by most physicians and dietitians as indispensable to healthful living, says Dr. Clayton J. Lundy in the current issue of the National Live Stock and Meat Board's Food and Nutrition News. Dr. Lundy is with the Rush Division of the University of Illinois School of Medicine. He calls attention to the fact that many observers feel an adequate protein intake is believed necessary as protection against anemia; he also points out a seeming direct relationship between low protein intake and heart disease.

RETURN

The trail from the upper range Winds down the canyon wall Beyond the noisy creek. On moonlight nights I can see a white horse Coming down. When nights are dark I wait and wait, For no sound of hoof-beats Rises above the roar Of the tumbling creek. There's a lone plate on the table And the clock Ticks loudly on. With my eyes on the page I wait and listen Till at last I hear The quick click of boot heels The jingle of spurs On the path . And know that You are home.

> —By Martha Downer (Reprinted by permission of THE CATTLEMAN)

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LESS HOME BUTCHERING NOW

Butchering on the farm, says the Census Bureau, is growing less popular. The modern farmer sells his cattle and hogs and goes to the butcher shop to buy his meat, and many farmers who do consume their home-produced meat have it processed at locker plants. The census of 1920 showed that in 1919 16,-800,000 hogs were butchered on the farm; in 1949, according to the 1950 census, only 7,369,000 hogs were butchered for home consumption - and many of those were slaughtered and processed in frozen food locker plants. In 1919 cattle and calves butchered on farms numbered 1,905,000; in 1949 the figure had declined to 1,267,000. Assuming an average "dress out" of 400 pounds per animal, the decline in volume would be about 255,000,000 pounds of beef used for home consumption.

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At Omaha, the Cudahy Packing Company has recently started work on a \$110,000 addition to its pharmaceutical branch. The new space will be used in the processing of drugs and further experimentation with the so-called miracle drugs.

FRIENDS OF LAND PLAN MEET

The program of the 11th annual institute of Friends of the Land will feature discussions on conservation, nutrition and health. The institute will take place in Chicago, June 30-July 2. Headquarters of the group is in Columbus, O.



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Among users of the rail service were cattlemen who ship to Denver, and the French gateway provides the nearest and quickest route thereto.

KRILIUM STILL TOO HIGH

An agronomy professor at Kansas State College says his research indicates that krilium will be useful in home gardening, in newly planted flower beds, around shrubbery and in soil for window boxes and potted house plants. It also might be used in rebuilding lawns. Since it will cost about \$1.50 a pound, it will not be too usable, as yet, on large plots of ground.

RENDERERS FOR RESEARCH

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the National Renderers Association in Chicago last month, a recommendation was made (to be voted on at a later meeting) for raising a research fund to investigate new uses for rendering industry products. The association will hold its 19th convention in San Francisco Nov. 17-18.

CHEMICALS BEST WEED CONTROL

The possibility that chemical sprays will replace the mower for controlling weeds in permanent pastures has been strengthened by recent research findings, according to a plant scientist of the Department of Agriculture. Reporting on a three-year cooperative study with the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station, Vernon C. Harris says chemical sprays not only reduced weeds but by removing competition permitted greatly increased forage yields.

NEW HOLLAND COMPANY HAS FILM

"Green Promise," the new sound-color motion picture just released by New Holland Machine Company, tells the story of grassland farming and how grass has become one of America's geratest crops. Group showings of this half-hour film can be arranged through any New Holland dealer, regional sales office or the home office in New Holland, Pa.

DROUTH MENACES AUSSIE CATTLE

The huge northern Australian cattle belt is suffering the worst drouth in living memory, which has wiped out a sixyear increase in herds and sharply reduced export prospects. There has been some scattered rainfall but it has contributed only temporary relief. Cattlemen are considering plans to bore deep wells to tap water reserves in an effort to save breeding herds.



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A new issue of the Union Pacific Railroad's "Freight Rate Territorial Map of the United States" is now being distributed. It shows in color the territory and jurisdiction of the various freight rate bureaus and also the transcontinental groupings published in accordance with "Articles of Organization and Procedure" filed with the ICC in compliance with Section 5A of the Interstate Commerce Act. Copies are available from any UP office without charge, or from W. T. Burns, vice-president, traffic, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Neb.

A copy of the publication, "Suggestions for Improving Services and Facilities at Public Terminal Stockyards," may be obtained from the Office of Information Services, Production and Marketing Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. It is also available, at a 40-cent charge, from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Manual 2 of "California Beef Production," a publication of the College of Agriculture of the University of California, is now off the press. Authored by H. R. Guilbert, professor of animal husbandry and animal husbandman in the California experiment station, and G. H. Hart, professor of veterinary science and veterinarian in the station, this little book contains data from beef-cattle research throughout the worla, and summaries covering 25 years of investigation by the division of animal husbandry of the California College of Agriculture at Davis. It is a technical and specialized reference book of up-to-date information on beef cattle raising, and among other things reports and interprets recent developments in physiological science which bear upon the feeding and breeding of stock. Copies may be obtained from Agricultural Publications, 22 Giannini Hall, University of California, Berkeley. (Price, \$1.)

Agricultural writer Bertram B. Fowler has written a book, "Men, Meat and Miracles," in which he brings to life again the early years of the packing industry. This description of its evolution gives a vivid picture of the sights and sounds and smells of the early days, when the stockyards first came into being. The author has shown the qualities of the men who built the industry -Armour, Swift, Morris and Wilson. The volume is dotted with colorful anecdotes that flavor the factual material.

SHORTHORN PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Generous cash premiums-a total of \$15,000 for breeding classes—have been announced for the national Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn show at the Grand National Livestock Exposition in San Francisco, Oct. 31-Nov. 9. First prize in each class will be \$100, with the money grading down to \$10 for 30th place in classes for summer yearling and senior bulls and heifers. Other classes will offer prize money as far as 12th to 28th places. A total of \$1,310 has been of-fered by the Cow Palace management for pens of three bulls and pens of three heifer classes.

DENVER SHOW LISTS CHANGES

The National Western Stock Show at Denver will have several changes of classification next year, in the show to be held Jan. 16-25, 1953. Classes for carloads of fat cattle fed east or west of the 100th meridian have been eliminated; instead, there will be two classes for each of the three beef breeds: Carload 15 head fat steers, 1 year old and under 2, weighing less than 1,100 pounds; carload 15 head fat steers 1 year old and under 2, weight over 1,100 pounds.

Under an eligibility rule change governing the junior show, junior exhibitors will not be allowed to exhibit an animal in that show that has been entered in a major show such as the American Royal or the International; animals may only have been shown in one state fair previous to appearance at the Na-

tional Western.

HOUSTON SHOW DATES SET

Dates for the 1953 Houston Fat Stock Show were set at a recent meeting. The 21st annual edition of this show will be held Feb. 4-15-a change in date from the original Jan. 30-Feb. 8 because of a conflict with the Fort Worth show dates.

BREEDER TO FEEDER

Norbert Tiemann, former assistant manager of the Nebraska Hereford Association, is the new executive secretary of the Corn Belt Live Stock Feeders Association and will be headquartered in Omaha. Formerly, the association had its office in Chicago.

NEW SHORTHORN FIELDMAN

Carl O. Parker of Macon, Ga., has been appointed field representative in the southeastern states for the American Shorthorn Breeders Association. The territory includes Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

HEAT-TOLERANT DUAL ANIMAL

Heat-tolerant dairy cows may result from a Jersey-Brahman cross being developed at Texas Experiment Station, says Capper's Farmer. The new crossbreds also have the ability to put on beef finish.

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An Aberdeen-Angus steer was named grand champion of the recent fat stock show at Montgomery, Ala. Exhibited by 4-H'er Blue Darby of Montgomery, the prize 1,160-pound steer sold for \$2.35 a pound — one of the highest prices ever paid at the show.

HEREFORD ASSN. NAMES TWO

The president of the American Hereford Association, Roy R. Largent of Merkel, Tex., has announced appointment of Paul Swaffar as assistant to Secretary Jack Turner following a meeting of the board of directors in Lexington, Ky. Mr. Swaffar has been serving as director of field service for the association.

L. P. McCann of Columbus, O., field representative for the Hereford association, has been named director of research in another appointment. Both Mr. Swaffar and Mr. McCann will retain their former duties in addition to their new assignments.

NATIONAL SHORTHORN RANGE BULL PROJECT GOES TO IDAHO

Shorthorn cattle will have only one range bull project this year. It is designated the National Shorthorn Range Bull Project and is set for Idaho Falls, Ida. The change in location from Broken Bow, Nebr., to Idaho was made to place good range bulls nearer commercial range operations. A similar program which had been announced for Alabama will not be held. Polled Shorthorns as well as horned bulls are eligible for the event, and only 75 bulls will be included in it. Breeders, individually or in cooperation with each other, will consign bulls in lots of three. Last year's Nebraska program was the first such program ever held in this country. It combined the well known consignment sale with a program of range conditioning and performance testing.

HEREFORD FEATURES AT OGDEN

Encouraged by the success of its first evening sale of Hereford female cattle last year, the Intermountain Hereford Breeders Association has again arranged a night auction to be held during the Ogden Livestock Show, Nov. 15-19. The sale is scheduled for the 17th, and will offer 50 selected Hereford foundation females. On the following morning the regular auction of Hereford bulls, in single and pen lots, along with pens of heifers, will be held. The Ogden show and American Hereford Association will again offer a total premium list of \$10,-000 for purebred cattle in open judging

TEXAS HOST TO HEREFORD MEN

Recognized authorities in the livestock field were featured in a two-day program at the third annual National Hereford Congress, held last month at Fort Worth, Tex. Sponsored jointly by

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the Texas Hereford Association and the American Hereford Association, the sessions attracted Hereford breeders and other enthusiasts from 39 states and Canada. The 1953 event will be staged at Lansing, Mich., home of Michigan State College.

Dr. A. D. Weber of Kansas State College headed a discussion in which the middle-of-the-road type and size of Hereford was catalogued as nearest to the ideal; it was termed "a combination of all the segments of our objectives

in one package." Another speaker was Roy R. Largent of Merkel, Tex., president of the American Hereford Association; and Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, took up the subject of farmers and defense. Also on the program were Albert Mitchell, Albert, N. M., former president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and Jack Roach of Amarillo, Tex., president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

These grade Hereford steers, fed and marketed by the South Side Stock Farm of Rockbridge, Ill., on May 6 top-ped the market at \$35.25 per cwt. at the National Stock Yards. The cattle, which scaled 1,203 pounds, were put on full feed last Octo-ber: shelled corn and concentrates. Charles Postel, owner of Greene County Stock Farm, in background. The background. sale was made by John Clay & Co.



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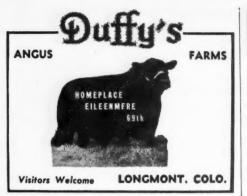
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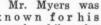
Obituaries

Carl R. Taussig: This prominent Colorado cattleman passed away early last month in Denver at the age of 57. Widely known in livestock circles, he was one of three brothers who had operated a large Hereford ranch near Parshall, Colo., after the death of their father, a physician. The herd was dispersed several years ago and Carl Taussig had since then made his home in Denver.

Morell C. Murphy: The secretarytreasurer of the Colorado Livestock Production Credit Association was fatally injured in an auto crash near Denver late in May. He was 52.

John A. McNaughton: Founder of the Los Angeles Union Stock Yards and vice-president and general manager until his retirement in 1942, Mr. McNaughton passed away in the California city late in April.

Charles A. Myers: The ever-diminishing ranks of the stalwart men that pioneered the West were further depleted May 10, when Charles A. Myers of Evanston, Wyo., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edna Duncan, in Elverta, Calif. Mr. Myers was



Charles Myers known for his homely philosophy and his able, downto-earth grasp of matters pertaining to the West and the nation as a whole. He was prominent in the affairs of the American National Cattlemen's Association and the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. A member of the American National for more than 50 years, he was one of the men who effected the reorganization of the original American National at a meeting in Salt Lake City a half century ago. He was an honorary life member of the association.

The Uinta rancher was also instrumental in the renaissance of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association in 1930, and served on the executive committee for many years. He was president from 1940 to 1942. He served on many special and standing committees, and at one time referred to himself as the "perennial head of the resolutions committee." Here, as well as on the public relations committee, his able grasp of problems of the industry, and his sense of humor proved of inestimable value to his colleagues. He was also an authority on, among other subjects, soil conservation and administration of the Taylor Grazing Act. He represented his county in the state senate for 12 years and was a member of the state livestock and sanitary board. In 1948 the University of Wyoming bestowed upon him an honorary degree in recognition of outstanding service to the state.

The Myers brand is the oldest in Wyoming which has been in continuous use since its establishment. The Myers ranch was founded nearly 100 years ago on the Bear River in what was to become Uinta County, Wyoming. It is generally recognized to be the oldest ranch in the state; the fourth generation of the family is now growing up on it. Charles Myers was born there Nov. 23, 1871, in a dirt-roofed log house which had previously housed the pony express riders and the Overland stage station.

Mr. Myers is survived by one son, two daughters, two brothers and nine grand-

Fred H. Bixby: Mr. Bixby passed away May 17 at the age of 77 in a Long Beach, Calif., hospital. He had suffered from a heart ailment for some time. Member of a pioneer southern California family, he was a native of the state and had made his



Fred Bixby

home at Rancho Los Alamitos from the age of two years until his death.

From 1922 to 1925 Mr. Bixby served as president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and in fact he devoted the greater part of his lifetime to his livestock and ranching interests. His activities in this respect not only touched on local and state phases of the industry but extended to national levels (e.g., in 1923 he served as special adviser to the President in the agriculture department on livestock problems.) With the interests of the industry always close to his heart, Mr. Bixby had done much throughout his life to further its development and aid those engaged in it by helping credit and marketing agencies; he greatly assisted, through his substantial contributions, the University of California College of Agriculture at Davis, and was at all times an ardent supporter of facilities for educating the youth of the area in new and improved practices. Mr. Bixby was himself a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley in 1898.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Green Bixby; three daughters; one son, and eight grand-children. All reside in California.

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HAY TO BE SHORT

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Mrs. Juliette A. Mansfield, clerk of the Santa Barbara district of the Los Padres National Forest, was recently cited to receive Forest Service honors for superior service in organizing and directing complex operations during a critical fire emergency, which were far beyond the scope of her usual duties.

Another recipient of special service award honors at a Washington ceremony in mid-May was Jay H. Price, now regional forester in Milwaukee. Wis.

Walter J. Puhn has been promoted to the position of forest supervisor of the Cleveland National Forest, with headquarters in San Diego. This appointment fills the vacancy recently created through transfer of former Supervisor Hamilton K. Pyles to the regional office of the Forest Service in Milwaukee, Wis.

F. W. Hoffman, president of the Cudahy Packing Company, announced his intention of retiring last month after 50 years of service with the organization. He is being succeeded by Louis F. Long, vice-president of the Red Wing Company at Fredonia, N. Y. (Board Chairman E. A. Cudahy is president of the Red Wing firm.)

W. A. Netsch, vice-president of Armour and Company in charge of cattle, lamb and veal purchases and sales, retired on May 31, after 38 years with the company. C. E. Sheehy, former general manager of Armour's South St. Paul plant, has been appointed general manager of the beef division, and G. L. Haydon becomes general manager of the lamb and veal division. T. R. St. John will be assistant general manager of the beef division.

Dr. James E. Stuart has been appointed chief of the California bureau of livestock disease control. He succeeds Dr. A. G. Boyd, recently promoted to the post of chief of the division of animal industry.

Charles (Chick) Joy, assistant regional forester in the California region, has been transferred to the division of range management in the Washington office of the Forest Service. Walter W. Wetzel, an assistant to Mr. Joy, has been named to succeed Mr. Joy.

A new post under the FAO program is taking E. D. Sandvig, former assistant regional forester at Denver, to Chile for at least a year. Under the program cooperating nations employ needed technical assistance; Mr. Sandvig's work will be in connection with Chile's range livestock industry.

Charles Waugh, Sharon Eprings, Kan., president of the Kansas Livestock Association, presided at the 39th annual livestock feeders day program in Manhattan, May 3. A citation voicing appreci-

ation of the work of Dr. C. W. McCampbell, long a member of the animal husbandry department at Kansas State College, but now retiring, was one of the features of the event. Several thousand stockmen heard reports on experimental feeding tests and inspected the livestock lots on the campus.

Dr. Hugh H. Bennett has retired after nearly 50 years of service in the Department of Agriculture. He was head of the Soil Conservation Service from its beginning until October, 1951, and since that time has been special assistant to the agriculture secretary on conservation and resource matters.

Donald J. Lewis, most recently district ranger on the Big Bear district of the San Bernardino National Forest, is being transferred to the regional office of the U.S. Forest Service in San Francisco to take over duties in information and conservation education formerly handled by Charles Fox and Bob Kelle-

Miss Ruth Fay has been promoted to secretaryship of the Tri-State Livestock Credit Corporation at San Francisco, according to an announcement from J. Sheldon Potter, the president. Also announced is the election of George Schlichter to the post of assistant treas-

Albert K. Mitchell of Albert, N. M., former president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and a recognized leader in the country's livestock affairs, has been named to the board of directors of the American Hereford Association. He will fill the unexpired term of Dr. E. L. Scott of Phoenix and Springerville, Ariz., who resigned from the board owing to the press of other duties. The term expires in Oc-

Hamilton K. Pyles, forest supervisor of the Cleveland National Forest, has been promoted to the post of assistant regional forester of the north central region with headquarters in Milwaukee, Wis., effective July 8. The new assignment covers direction of all information and educational work on the 11 national forests of Region 9, including the states of North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and

Tony Fellhauer, livestock specialist with the Wyoming Agricultural Extension Service, has been named beef cattle judge for the 1952 Colorado State Fair, to be held at Pueblo Sept. 8-12.

DISEASE LOSS IN BRITAIN

It was disclosed in mid-May that more than 35,000 head of livestock have been slaughtered in Britain following an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease last November. Of the total, 17,188 were cattle; 11,544 sheep; 6,973 pigs and 20



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June 12-14—Nebraska Stock Growers' convention, Gordon.

June 30-National Livestock Brand Conference, Denver, Colo.

Aug. 3-7—67th annual convention, National Assn. Retail Meat and Food Dealers, New York

Oct. 4-11—42nd annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, Ore.

Oct. 30-31-Chicago Feeder Cattle Show & Sale. Oct. 31-Nov. 9-Grand National Livestock Exposition, San Francisco.

Nov. 15-19-Ogden, Utah, Livestock Show. Nov. 29-Dec. 6-Chicago International Exposi-

Jan. 4, 1953—Executive meeting, American National Cattlemen's Assn., Kansas City, Mo.

Jan. 5-7—56th annual convention, AMERICAN NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S ASSN., Kansas City,

Jan. 16-24—National Western Stock Show, Den-ver, Colo.

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(In	Thousan	ds of Po	unds)	
		Mar. 31		5-Yr.
	1952	1952	1951	Avg.
Frozen Beef	229,769	244,819	100,757	106,859
Cured Beef	10,894	10,733	10,003	11,005
Total Pork	823,658	822,006	654,497	548,589
Lamb, Mutton	12,819	14,896	5,435	8,731
Lard & Rend.			,	
Pork Fat	88.786	70.803	75.171	117,620
Total Poultry	195,100	232,832	147,203	153,017

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			Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep
Apr.	1952	*************	938	405	5,281	941
Apr.	1951	*************	894	406	4,989	657
4 mg	s. to	Apr. '52 3	3.948	1.527	23,671	3.944
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